



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE

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Commissioners delay vote on '96 county budget

By Terry Wright
News Editor

Governmental officials in Washington are not the only ones who seem to be having difficulty passing a 1996 budget. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners recently voted to delay a decision on its '96 budget until the first meeting of the new year.

In a public budget hearing on Wednesday, Dec. 20, county Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bruce Bretzke, said he was "not a happy camper," after reviewing the budget proposal, which was submitted by county treasurer Joe Wakeley.

"It was our responsibility to work on this budget," Bretzke said. "We scheduled several work sessions, but when we showed up there were no tools to work with. Now this budget is thrown in front of us and we're asked to vote on it."

"Well the buck stops with me," Bretzke said. "I apologize and guarantee it won't happen again. The people's representative of the 6th district is going to cut the throat on the golden goose... tonight. Just look how this makes our board look to our constituents."

When contacted Wakeley said there were problems that kept much work from being done in the two work sessions. Since then he said he had put many, many meticulous hours into it, to ensure it was done properly and in time for the public hearing.

"In the first session, there were computer problems that kept very little from being done," he said.

Wakeley said he welcomes improvements to the process of developing and adopting a budget and he encouraged the commission to look at that process.

"As far as the budget they had before them, any changes they want to make we can try to fit in," Wakeley said, "but a vast majority of the budget is fixed costs."

Bretzke also said he was upset that Wakeley had sent a recording of himself to a public hearing to review the budget.

In that recording, Wakeley began with an apology to the commission for being unable to attend the meeting due to a previous family commitment that could not be rescheduled.

Wakeley recommended the adoption of a budget proposal that would have left the county with a small surplus for the upcoming year.

Bretzke motioned to vote on the budget during the commission's Jan. 3 organizational meeting. The vote passed with unanimous approval.

"In the mean time," Bretzke said, "I would expect the commissioners to have the budget reviewed."

Wakeley said since the commissioners had just received the proposed budget, he didn't expect them to vote on it until the next meeting. "It makes good sense to review the budget before voting on it," he said.

See you next Christmas Santa



GOODBYE SANTA--Another Christmas has come and gone, and Santa is back at the North Pole resting after the busy holiday. But it won't be long before he is busy again, building toys for all the girls and boys. See you next year.

Prosecutor told to investigate trash violations

By Terry Wright
News Editor

At its Wednesday, Dec. 20, quarterly night meeting, the Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to have the county prosecuting attorney pursue the criminal investigation of City Environmental Services Inc., of Waters (CESW) for violations of the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan, and to immediately revoke CESW's landfill operating license.

The motion was made by Commissioner Bruce Bretzke and seconded by Commissioner Robert Smock Jr., but was only voted on after Crawford County Prosecuting Attorney John Huss informed the board that an investigation was already underway.

"My motion still stands," Bretzke said.

The action came as a result of correspondence to CESW dated Dec. 7, from John Ozoga, Senior Environmental Engineer of the Department of Environmental Quality's Waste Management Division. Each commissioner was

provided with a copy of the letter.

In his letter, Ozoga explained that a Nov. 29 inspection of the CESW landfill in Maple Forest Township revealed several violations and potential violations of the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan.

The letter states:

1) A review of landfill reports for October showed that trash had been received from Clare County, which is not mentioned in the Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan.

2) A review of the second quarter 1995 remedial action plan at the landfill revealed an unacceptable level of vinyl chloride at one groundwater monitoring well.

3) An unlicensed composting area was found on the eastern boundary of the landfill.

Ozoga closed his letter with, "The Department is requiring CESW to correct the aforementioned items and respond to this office in writing by February 1, 1996 summarizing the actions taken. The overall operation of the facility was satisfactory and has shown improvement."

Airfield changes open notification process

The Grayling Army Airfield will be changing its procedures for issuance and retraction of Notices to Airmen (NOTAM).

A NOTAM is a notice filed with the Lansing Flight Service Office specifying whether the airport is open or not. The military has been responsible for issuing NOTAMs in the past. The military, however, does not coordinate the snowplowing of the airport's runways. This resulted in the airport being reported closed due to snow covered runways, when the runways were actually clear of snow.

Dennis Long, chairman of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, said this was a commonplace incident. The military reserved the

right to close that airport, but we're responsible for the plowing, he said.

Long told the other commissioners at the board meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12, that the county had asked the military to give up posting NOTAMs, but had been unsuccessful, until recently.

Two military generals were diverted from the airport, landed in Traverse City and had to rent a car to come to Grayling, said Long. When they arrived, the airport's runways were clear and dry.

The field-base operation (FBO) will assume responsibility for lead NOTAM action. For the FBO to take action on this issue should streamline operations at the airfield during the snowplowing season.

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Chamber leads new effort to develop snowmobile trail through city

By Terry Wright
News Editor

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Grayling Snowmobile Association (GGSA), have teamed up to develop a snowmobile trail through the City of Grayling.

The purpose of the trail is to link existing trails leading north and south from the city and to provide a means in which snowmobilers can have safe, easy access to businesses in Grayling.

In a meeting held on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the Chief Shoppenagon Hotel, chamber director Jerry Meyer welcomed a crowd of approximately 40 representatives of local businesses and government saying, "This needs to be a positive meeting on what we can do this year and in the future to promote snowmobiling."

Meyer and GGSA vice-president and trail boss Ed Holtcamp talked about the recently published snowmobile trail maps now available. The maps are being sold throughout the community, with all proceeds going into the GGSA's trail-grooming program.

Holtcamp told of plans that were developed more than two years prior for a through-city trail, and the need to follow through with those plans as soon as possible.

"The whole project will cost at least \$10,000 using all-volunteer

labor," Holtcamp said.

The trail was originally designed to run from the Grayling Holiday Inn, through the Grayling Country Club, across the railroad right-of-way, then proceeding behind (on the west side of), the I-75 Business Loop to the Grayling City Park.

"At the City Park, we need to shield the footbridge against damage and, long range, probably build a new bridge," Holtcamp said.

Getting snowmobiles safely across the narrow bridge was a major point of discussion, which Holtcamp and Grayling City Manager Jerry Morford agreed could be done.

Once across the river, the trail proceeds across the railroad tracks at Michigan Avenue and on to M-72.

After crossing M-72, the trail would continue north adjacent to the railroad right-of-way to the west end of North Down River Road and then back to the Old-27 trail leading north out of the city past the airport to link to the DNR snowmobile trail system.

Holtcamp said two snowmobile parking lots were part of the original plans, one in the city park and the other across the tracks from the old depot.

He said all of the property owners along the trail would have to agree to seasonal easements allowing the trail to cross their properties.

"The trail would be outlined with barrels and snowfencing," Holtcamp

said. "If it was properly signed and maintained, they'll use it."

He said special difficulties could be encountered in attaining a small groomer to maintain the trail, and in erecting special railroad crossings to prevent snow from being packed around the tracks, so there is no danger of train derailment.

"If you want this to happen," Holtcamp said, "you have to come up with the bucks, the volunteers and the resources."

Questions came up on how to get the snowmobiles to other business, which may not be close to the trail.

"It will be possible to develop a business loop crossing somewhere along the trail," Holtcamp said. "A lot of details would have to be worked out on a crossing that can be regulated and that was as safe as possible."

Morford agreed, saying, "It is our intent to look at other street crossings if it doesn't compromise safety."

Morford pointed out that the current snowmobile ordinance in effect in the City of Grayling allows snowmobiles to travel on any local street, but not on major streets.

Holtcamp added, "We need to get the trail north and south, then work out the details to get the snowmobilers to the other businesses."

Meyer asked for volunteers to serve on committees to begin working out the details of financing, building and

maintaining the trail.

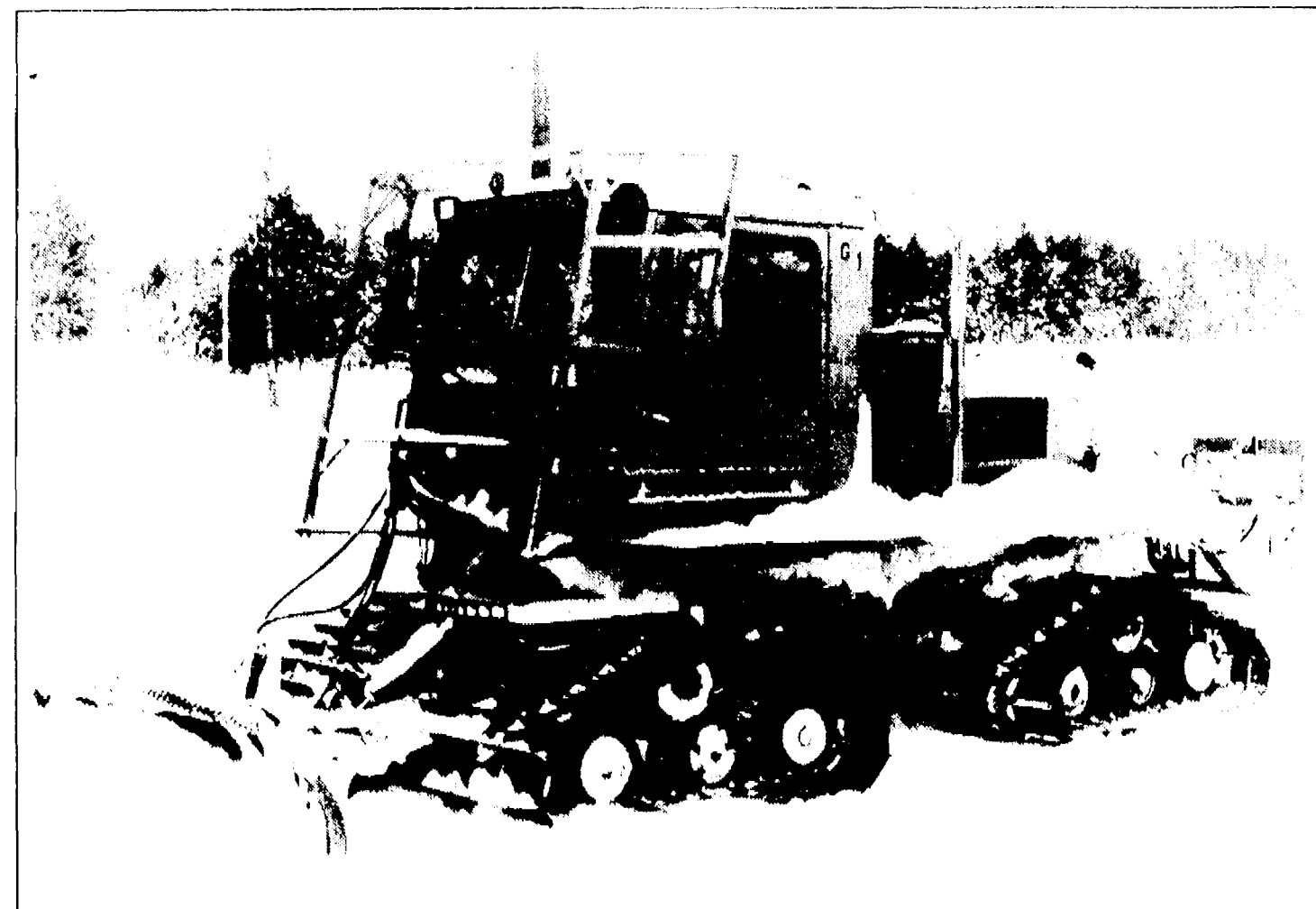
"The chamber would be glad to be the coordinator of the project," Meyer said.

Crawford County currently has more than 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails for public recreation.

The snowmobile trail system has been developed over a number of years through cooperative efforts between private organizations, like the GGSA, and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"It's important for people to know

how well the sport of snowmobiling has been treated by the DNR," Holtcamp said. "We work very closely with them and they've been great. In the past two years, the DNR has put more than \$15,000, and hundreds of hours into building and grooming trails right here in Crawford County."



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46TH CIRCUIT COURT

Disposition from 46th Circuit Court for Crawford County. The Honorable Alton T. Davis presiding, Dec. 18, 1995.

Robert Enoch Rathbun, age 18 of Roscommon, plead guilty to an added Count II: Attempted Larceny Over \$100. In exchange for his plea, Count I: Larceny Over \$100 will be dismissed at sentencing.

Robert Steven Leal, age 27 of Grayling, plead guilty to Count I: Resist And Obstruct Officer. In exchange for his plea, Count II: Possession Of Firearm While Under The Influence, and Count III: Possession Of A Firearm In Vehicle, will be dismissed at sentencing.

Howard D. Berger, age 41 of Grayling, withdrew his plea agreement and was remanded back to District Court for the purpose of a preliminary examination on the charge of CSC 1st Degree.

Carter Goodwin Pavey, III, age 39 of Frederic, was sentenced on a probation violation. Pavey was placed on a curfew from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Jeramie Steven Ruby, age 20 of Grayling, was sentenced from 24 to 48 months in the Michigan Department of Corrections with credit for 47 days previously served, on the charge of Assault With Weapon. Ruby was ordered to pay \$40 to the Crime Victims Fund. The judge agreed to the Alternative to Incarceration Program if Ruby qualifies.

Brian David Robinson, age 18 of Grayling, was sentenced on the charge of Embezzle-Agent Over \$100. Robinson was placed on 36 months probation and sentenced to six months in the county jail with credit for 57 days previously served, the balance of the sentence to be held in obedience day to day. He shall pay \$40 to the Crime Victims Fund, \$360 court costs, \$645 attorney fees, \$700 restitution and \$360 probation supervision fees.

Wes Scott Howard, age 69 of Houghton Lake, was sentenced from 32 to 48 months in the Michigan Department of Corrections, with credit

for 174 days previously served, on the charge of Assault With A Dangerous Weapon.

Robert Press, age 29 of Grayling, plead guilty to violating his probation by Possessing Firearm And Consuming Alcohol While On Work Release. In exchange for his plea, no further charges will be brought against him in relation to this offense.

Jeramie Lee Hawley, age 17 of Grayling, plead guilty to Home Invasion 2nd. It is expected that he will be sentenced to 12 months in the county jail. In exchange for his plea, no further charges resulting from this incident will be brought against him.

MAGISTRATE

Appearing before Magistrate Jean Callewaert:

Joseph M. Hodgkinson of Wyandotte, was fined \$420 fines/costs, \$2,000 restitution (2 deer), sentenced to five days in jail, plus the loss of hunting license for three years, for Illegal Killing/Possession Of Deer.

Bryan R. Graham of DeWitt, was fined \$120 for Possession Of Loaded Gun After Hours.

Kenneth Lee Cox of Grayling, was fined \$120 for Possession Of Untagged Deer.

Raffle raises \$1,400 for trails

The Greater Grayling Snowmobile Club sold 2,500 tickets for their raffle, raising \$1,400. All proceeds will benefit the snowmobile trails and groomer maintained by the club.

President Ken Riehle presented the top prize, an Arvic Cat Kitty Kat, to David Sprague of Middleton on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Deadline nears for Writing and art competition entries

Jan. 5, is the entry deadline for the high school writing/art competition sponsored by the Kirtland Community College Foundation in cooperation with Jack Pine Journal. The contest is open to students enrolled in Grayling, Ogema, Mio-AuSable, Fairview, Houghton Lake and Roscommon high schools.

Entries will be accepted in six categories: fiction, poetry, non-fiction, 2-dimensional art, and 3-dimensional art. Kirtland Community College will publish winning entries, as well as finalists, in a book tentatively titled *Creative Visions From The North Woods*.

For additional information, or a contest entry form, contact Steven L. Berg, (517) 275-5121, ext. 394.



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Income tax forms due to taxpayers in mid-January

The Michigan Department of Treasury has announced that taxpayers will begin receiving their tax booklets and forms (MI-1040 and MI-1040EZ) the second week in January. Over 4 million income tax forms will be mailed this year, according to Treasury's Bureau of Revenue. Taxpayers should expect to see their state income tax forms in their mailboxes beginning mid-January.

The 1995 MI-1040 form contains several changes from previous years. Among the changes are:

- The income tax rate has been lowered from 4.47 percent to 4.4 percent.

- The personal exemption has been increased from \$2,100 to \$2,400.

- The 1995 Headlee Amendment Refund will lower income tax liability by 2 percent.

- The pension and annuity income deduction has been increased.

- There is a new College Tuition

Credit for tuition and fees paid to eligible universities and colleges.

- The interest and dividend income deduction for seniors has been increased.

Another change is that taxpayers will no longer have the option of applying the Home Heating Credit to income tax due on the MI-1040 form. Decisions are pending on the federal budget, and how much federal aid will be available to fund the Home Heating Credit. Once those decisions are made in Washington, eligible individuals should file a Home Heating Credit form separately from the MI-1040 form.

The Department of Treasury recommends that to ensure prompt processing of returns and refunds taxpayers should remember to file early, check returns for errors, and use the pre-printed mailing label (if it is correct) when submitting their return.

Juried wildlife art show to be held at Kirtland Community College

The Department of Fine and Performing Arts at Kirtland Community College will sponsor a juried wildlife art show to be held in conjunction with the May 18-19, 1996, Kirtland's Warbler Festival. Prizes of \$150, \$100 and \$50 will be awarded to the three top entries.

Kirtland's Warbler Festival, according to organizer Linda Barnes, is a regional event that focuses on the jack pine ecosystem. Barnes said that this area "is not only the home of Kirtland's Warbler, but also includes

large areas of forests and wetland as well as rivers and lakes which make a home for a variety of animals."

Joe Donna, an art instructor at Kirtland Community College, said that "The contest will celebrate wildlife viewing, endangered species and wildlife conservation, forest management, and outdoor recreation."

For more information about the art show, contact Steven L. Berg, Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Road, Roscommon, MI 48853. Phone (517) 275-5121, ext. 394.

HEALTHLINE

Linda DeMarchis, M.A., Health Educator

This column is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1, which serves Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska, and Crawford counties. If you have a question you would like answered, please send it to Health Educator, District Health Department No. 1, 401 Lake St., Cadillac, MI, 49601.

Question: My children were thrilled with all the Christmas gifts they received from relatives. However, some of these toys make me wonder if they're completely safe for my little ones to play with. How can I tell?

Signed: Anxious Mother of Three

Answer: Safety and durability is a major consideration when choosing appropriate toys. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has set safety regulations that manufacturers must meet so that dangerous products are not produced and sold. Many toy manufacturers also comply with that industry's voluntary safety standards.

No toy intended for children under 8 years should have sharp glass or metal edges. Toys designed for children under three should not have small parts that can become lodged in a child's windpipe, ear or nose. These small parts include eyes on stuffed

toys and removable squeakers. Toys that produce loud noises, such as guns, could damage a child's hearing. According to the law, these items should carry a warning not to fire closer than one foot from the ear. Any caps that could damage a child's hearing are banned. Toys that may have been given to your infant should not have cords longer than 12 inches, which can wrap around a baby's neck. If a crib gym was one of your family gifts, don't stretch it across a crib if the baby can pull up to its hands and knees. Some children have fallen across these and strangled.

Toys intended for children under eight, should not have sharp points. Projectile toys such as arrows or darts, should have soft cork tips or rubber suction cups. The toys that fire these objects should not be able to fire other objects that may be unsafe, such as pencils.

Although some toys may be safe for older children in the family, they should be kept out of the reach of younger siblings, such as balloons. More children have suffocated on uninflated balloons or balloon pieces, than on any other type of toy.

Electronic toys must meet mandatory safety requirements, and should be used under adult supervision. Those with heating elements should only be used by children over eight.

Once toys meet these specifications, double check for labels such as "flame retardant/flame resistant" on cloth toys, or "not recommended for children under three." Carefully discard the plastic that the toys were in, since this can become deadly. If your children use a toy box, make sure its lid will stay open in any position, and as an added precaution, check for ventilation holes. If your children are taught to put toys away properly, this will eliminate their risk as a tripping hazard.


To report an unsafe toy or product, consumers may call the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772. Their booklet entitled *Which Toys For Which Child—A Consumer's Guide For Selecting Suitable Toys* is available by calling our local health department office and asking for the health education department.




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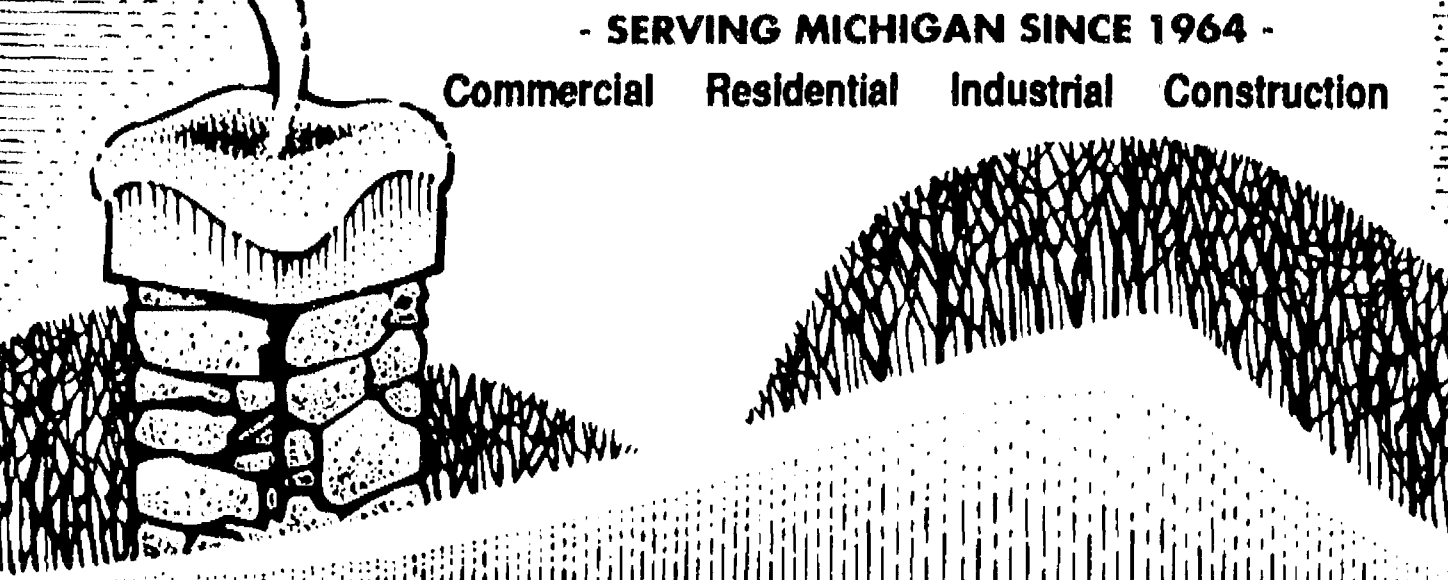
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COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Wellington Farm Folk planning for spring

The Wellington Farm Folk, a volunteer organization dedicated to lending a helping hand at Wellington Farm Park, will hold their next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 2. The meeting will be held at the Lone Pine Restaurant in Grayling, and will begin with a "New Year's Supper," at 6:15 p.m., with a menu traditional of the Great Depression. The meal will be followed by a short business meeting at 7 p.m. Guest speaker for the evening will be a retired school teacher who began her career teaching in a 1-room country school in the midst of the Depression.

Wellington Farm Folk president Donna Carmean would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who is interested in the history of the Great Depression, or in the history of Crawford County, to attend the Jan. 2

meeting of the organization. There are no admission fees or dues, and membership is open to anyone. A special invitation is extended to students who enjoy history, or who would like to learn more about their local community. It should also be noted that Wellington Farm Folk volunteers who are high school students will receive credit toward their community-service graduation requirement, by being involved in Wellington Farm Park activities.

Anyone who would like to attend the meeting, or would like to have more information about Wellington Farm Folk or Wellington Farm Park, may call 348-5187. Organizations that would like to have a Wellington Farm Park representative speak at their meeting, may contact the same number.

Lowe acts to promote snowmobiling, maintain trails

Because snowmobiles play a vital role in Michigan's tourism and recreation industry, an area lawmaker joined a legislative caucus dedicated to maintaining trails and promoting the sport.

State Rep. Allen Lowe, R-Grayling, said the bipartisan group recently met with members of the Michigan Snowmobile Association and machine manufacturers. Lawmakers formed the panel because they want budget items relating to snowmobiles preserved in future years, despite the onset of term limits.

"There will be a tremendous turnover in the next two elections, diminishing the Legislature's institutional memory by 1999," Lowe said. "During this transition, snowmobile issues must not be lost in the shuffle. By banding together, we can raise public awareness about the industry and its need."

Lowe, a member of the House Tourism and Recreation Committee, said the Department of Natural Resources Forest Management Division received an appropriation of \$1.5 million, and the grants program another \$2.9 million for system maintenance. This includes \$800,000 for almost 1,500 miles of trails in the northern Lower Peninsula.

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Put on your dancing shoes

The Friendship Singles Club hosts dances every Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Breaker's Steakhouse located in the Industrial Park.

The cost is \$5 per person. Music is provided by Free Wheelin' Fred.

Breaker's will be hosting a New Year's Eve dance. The charge is \$10 per person.



HO HO HO — Students from the Louise Tournaud School of Dance volunteered their time to dance for the delight of many at Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Roscommon Co-op Nursery at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Roscommon.

The theme of the dance was *The Nutcracker*. Tournaud donated her studio and time to teach a workshop to 35 co-op nursery children during their fitness month.

"I like to teach my students that giving of your talents and time are the best Christmas gifts," said Tournaud.

Santa and his helpers from the Louise Tournaud School of Dance take a break after performing. Pictured are (Back, L to R) Jackie Murphy, Jill St. Germain, Santa Claus, Heather Freeman, Mandi Sinnaeve and (front) Felicia Phillips.

Internet course opens at KCC

Internet is the information superhighway and Kirtland Community College is on it! If you'd like to learn how to use the services of a system with worldwide access, you can do it now at Kirtland.

Using the Internet is an 8-session course offered by the college on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 9, and concluding Feb. 27.

The course shows participants how

to connect their own computer to the Internet and how to use comfortably all Internet services. Students will be assigned their own Internet account, which will be usable for the duration of the course.

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OPINIONS AND ISSUES

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No one is above the law

To the editor,
Ms. Andersen is absolutely right. How dare the local police and sheriff departments for even thinking of giving someone who doesn't live in our county a ticket for anything. Especially, an out-of-town snowmobiler. I'll bet that the officer sat hiding behind a snowbank just waiting for an out-of-town snowmobiler to park there so he could come running out once they were out of sight, to write them a ticket.
After that, he properly went out to I-75 to look for cars with out-of-state plates and pulled them over for no reason. To my further astonishment, when I read who appeared before the magistrate, not one person from

Crawford County was on that list. They were all out-of-town people, but they were still fined.

What's happening to this county? Crawford County is still in the U.S.A., right? Liberty and justice for all?

I would like to thank the Grayling City Police, Crawford County Sheriff Department, Michigan State Police, DNR Law Enforcement and Magistrate Jean Callewaert, for dispensing justice fairly. These people don't look for out-of-towners, but they do look for anyone breaking the law. No amount of money should put any person or group above the law.

Edward E. Goscicki, Sr.
Frederic

Let's promote responsible snowmobile use

To the editor,
Let's promote snowmobiling in Grayling and Crawford County. It is a well-known fact that snowmobilers spend money at our area businesses, so it only makes economic sense to appeal to them. But, let's promote only responsible snowmobiling in our area for the benefit of everyone.

There is a Yahoo element in this sport of snowmobiling, that gives every responsible law-abiding rider a black eye and lowers the quality of life for all those that don't snowmobile. I say let's come down hard on that Yahoo element so decent snowmobilers want to come back to our area and spend money. Non-snowmobilers also spend money at area businesses, so let's not ignore their needs.

Cross-country skiers won't come back to our area if snowmobiles are allowed to run free on the great groomed trails in our area (Hanson Hills, the free, lighted trails behind the Holiday Inn, the beautiful DNR Mason Track, etc.)

Every Sunday, I can plan to get up an hour or two earlier to re-groom the trails behind the Holiday Inn, because some Yahoos destroyed the nicely-groomed ski trails. We had to put up a

huge metal snowmobile barrier to keep snowmobiles off the trails on the golf course. Signs saying "no snowmobiles" were ineffective.

A couple of idiot snowmobilers were doing donuts in the Holiday Inn parking lot at 3 a.m. on a recent Sunday morning, showing disregard of the sleeping people in the 150 filled rooms, just feet from the ruckus. How many of those people will want to come back to the Holiday Inn if occurrences like this are tolerated, or worse, promoted in the name of making our community snowmobile friendly?

Let's discourage those snowmobilers that go to the bars then snowmobile, that show disregard for ski trails and private property, that think waking up people at 3 a.m. is a sport. If that type of snowmobiler rider thinks our area is a 'hell hole' and will never come back, we are all better off, both snowmobilers and non-snowmobilers alike. Let's come down yard on the Yahoo element of snowmobiling in the interest of all.

I would be interested in finding out what other people in our good community think.

Dick Fultz,
Grayling

'What a beautiful community we work and live in'

To the editor,

All is said and done and, as normal, life goes on except for a couple of officers. The September shooting incident at the Frederic rest area, was quite a shocker to my officers and to the community. Many were stunned that this type of violence has arrived in the Crawford County area, and have made statements of disbelief as to the horror of it all. We all can thank the Lord that our two officers have survived and are back to performing their functions as deputy sheriffs for our great county. Although we still have Trooper Ron Croskey in our prayers, for his recovery and return to work. We all wish him the best.

Speaking of the best, what a beautiful community we work and live in. For example, after this incident, I could not count the number of phone calls I had received, and the number of people

who made special efforts to help or offers to help. I thank all of you for your support, but especially would like to mention the Eagles Club of Grayling. They were so touched by the actions taken upon our residents and our police officers, that they organized a fundraiser to help purchase safety equipment for the deputies. A wonderful meal was put on, with new and renewed friendships, and that down-home heart-warming Crawford County style. My hat is off to the men and women of the Grayling Eagles.

In closing, I must say that amidst the negativism, politics and the anti-governmental move, it is touching to hear that people do care. For someone who was born and raised here, I love this place.

Very truly yours,
David G. Lovely
Sheriff



ALMANACK By Richard Milliman

Peace on earth? Let us hope

Mr. Clinton said: "America cannot and should not be the world's policeman. We cannot stop all war for all time, but we can stop some wars. We can't do everything but we must do what we can."

Skeptics recall past American interventions.

But Bosnia is not Korea. It is not Vietnam. Nor is it Lebanon, or Panama, or Iraq, or Somalia, or Haiti.

There is no parallel for Bosnia in recent international history.

Similarly, there is no direct parallel for the road American seeks to travel this time.

Although America led the way, prodding the peace treaty to signature, this is not a solo American adventure. France, Russia, Germany, Britain, Spain and other nations are part of it, too.

Soldiers from 25 nations, expected to total 60,000 in all, will be under the leadership of NATO, which in turn will be commanded by the American military.

Funds for rebuilding have been pledged by European nations as well as America.

Bosnian intervention is an international effort.

GETTING THE principals at the treaty table at all was a tremendous accomplishment. Balkan nations have been warring for decades, and actively for almost four years.

Although they signed the treaty, leaders of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia don't really like it.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic said: "My government is taking part in this agreement without any enthusiasm, like someone who is taking a bitter, but useful potion or medication."

Alternatives for America are limited.

We could continue to ignore Bosnia, which has been pretty much our policy so far, importantly because it's difficult to identify our national interests in the Balkan conflict.

We could move in by ourselves, choosing up sides, and try to win a military victory reminiscent of Korea and Vietnam.

Or we could try to get our buddies together and see if cooperatively we could do something for the sake of humanity which is about what Mr. Clinton finally decided to do.

All in all, that's not an inviting set of options.

WILL IT WORK? In seeking an

answer, some things seem certain.

American troops will have casualties. Some will die, many more will be wounded. It's bound to happen.

The war will come into our homes in living color every evening on TV news shows. These pictures may become gruesome and distasteful—similar to photos of an American soldier savaged by Somali warlords. TV coverage will help determine the American will in continuing the operation.

It's doubtful that the ancient Balkan prejudices will go silently into the night, and just disappear because 60,000 peacekeepers are on Balkan soil temporarily.

Lasting peace depends on the people of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia.

If they want it, this is one way they can have it.

If they don't want it, there's the danger Bosnia could turn into a quagmire for American troops...and for American idealism.

Peace on earth, good will to men?

Now that we're this far, there is scant alternative but to give it a good try.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

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JIM FITZGERALD

Firing up doesn't require getting up

When the question was asked, something clicked in my mind. It wouldn't be true to say I didn't have the remotest idea how to answer it.

Stick with me on this. I'm trying to write colorfully, trying to use words that evoke an appropriate image in the reader's mind.

For example, a recent Associated Press article concerned attempts by the state Legislature to make changes in a "potty parity" bill that would shorten the lines of women waiting outside public rest rooms. One paragraph said:

"The bill passed both House and Senate earlier this year, but the mainly male Senate watered it down to apply only to restaurants, concert halls and sports arenas that seat 300 or more people." (The italics are mine, but you can use them if you really need that much help understanding where I'm

going here.) OK? Now back to the question that clicked, but not remotely.

Keeping the retreat rugged

The questioner was the contractor who is building a little house in the woods for my wife and me. This is sort of a back-to-nature move, living in the wilds without the usual creature comforts, and all that rugged stuff. Good Lord, the nearest gas station is darn near two blocks away.

Naturally, I intend to do a lot of sitting around an open fire, singing macho, ton-lifting songs about owing my soul to the convenience store, which is next to the gas station. So the contractor was wondering about fire control.

Did I want to control it remotely?

Or was I prepared to struggle up out of my chair, risk falling over my footstool and walk at least eight steps,

round-trip, to manually turn up or down the gas on the logs in the fireplace?

Wow. There's no fireplace in my present high-rise home, but that doesn't mean life's been easy. I'm already burdened with three remote control clickers, for the television, VCR and cable box. I'm already irritating myself, not to mention my wife, by pushing the wrong damn buttons and fast-forwarding a tape into oblivion when I intend to pause for a rest stop, or switching channels at a dramatic moment when I intend to turn up the volume.

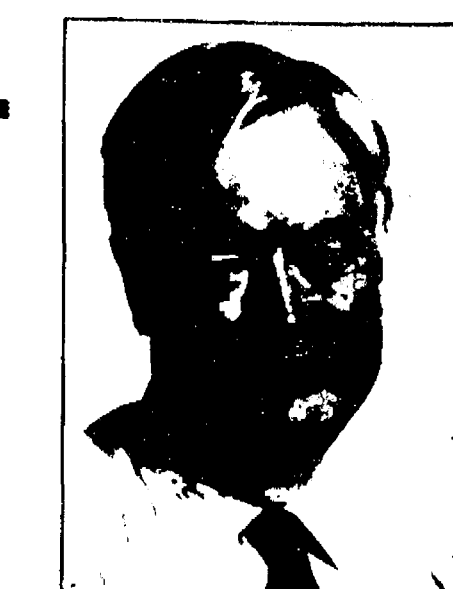
Do I really want to risk burning down my new home while intending to escape from a shopping channel?

No. Without the remotest hesitation, I clicked my mind against an added clicker, colorfully.

Despite the rugged terrain, I'll control the fire by foot. If I'm forced to interrupt a championship sitting marathon, so be it. I realize that life in the wilds can sometimes be rough; I've seen "The Last of the Mohicans." Happy families aren't all alike.

Speaking of colorful writing, my 12-year-old granddaughter Emily was recently forced to spend an hour in my office and I suggested that, to avoid boredom, she sit down at the keyboard and type a column about her family. This is what Emily wrote, and please don't ask me why:

"Every family is unique in its own



way. I could think of a million ways, but the best one to describe it is the family smell. When two people date, they each have their own smell, which came from their family, which you could trace back for centuries. I bet even cavemen had family smells.

"When two very special people find each other and get married, both of their family smells are put together and make one very unique smell. Then later when they have kids, the smell fills their home and clothes and the smell becomes theirs.

"A family smell is made up of many things. Here are some of them: What type of perfume your mother uses, your father's after-shave, your older sister's hair spray, your little brother's baby shampoo. The laundry detergent you use, what kind of toothpaste you use, what food you buy and to top it off, everybody's love has a smell. Put your family's love with all the above and you have a FAMILY.

"But you can't smell your own smell. That's how you know you are at someone else's house."

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Exchange student reports on experiences in Holland



Heather Curtis

Dec. 11, 1995
Dear People of Grayling,
Hoi! Hoe gaat het met jou? Ik ben prima. Hi! How are you? I am fine.
Sorry it's been so long. I've been so busy, with homework, a social life and all the YFU and family things I have to

do. Being a foreign exchange student is very exhausting. I'm constantly busy. I'll catch you up with what I've been doing.

Although they don't celebrate Halloween, Grier and I dressed up and gave candy to her family and to her neighbors. I know it's kind of backwards, but we had to do something to celebrate.

Wednesday, Nov. 1, started *proefwerk-week* (exam week.) I liked it because I got three days off from school and the other three days I only had two classes each. It was great. I guess I did okay on the tests I took. I also got my 1996 yearbook in the mail today. I was so excited to finally see it. On Thursday, our neighbors, the van der Aas, had a baby girl, whom they named Lisa.

On Nov. 11, we finally got our car. It is a 1990 Citroen. It is white and has a sunroof. We've been waiting for it for a long time. Grier and I went to Rotterdam Saturday evening with Nate

Pederson. He is an American (Minnesota) who lives in Den Bosch. We left around 5 p.m. and were home around 2 a.m. Sunday. It was fun, we ate pizza and ice cream there and walked around the city. It has very beautiful architecture, but looks a lot like a big city in America.

On Saturday the 18th, I went to Grier's house for her host sister, Anne's, birthday party with her friend Neeltje. It was great. The party started at 6 p.m., and we didn't go to bed until around 4 a.m.

Friday the 24th, I slept at Grier's and we went to the Boortoren, a disco in Den Bosch. Saturday morning, we left for Utrecht, for a YFU weekend. We had a lot of fun with all of the other YFU students in our region.

The following Wednesday, I went to Brussels, Belgium, with my handenarbeid class. We went to a museum of old and modern art. It was very nice. I bought a cute calendar Kandinsky's art. I also bought a key

chain of the statue of the little boy, Manneke Pis.

Dec. 5 was Sinterklaas. Although my family doesn't celebrate it, I did get some chocolate and a candle in my shoe. After school, I went up to Grier's and she gave me my presents from her family in America. They sent me a twin-set shirt, a set of five Estee Lauder perfumes and a stocking full of candy and goodies. On Dec. 6, I got my first report card. It's wierd, they give them to you, not mail them to you. It was an okay report. My host father gave me money for it.

And on Sunday the 10th, they set up our artificial Christmas tree and decorated it. In the afternoon, we went to Oma and Opa Steenbakker's for the children's surprise afternoon. I got a gorgeous ceramic black and white cow, raspberry bubble bath with a bear, a leather barette and a bear dressed as Santa Claus, with money. 'Til next time!

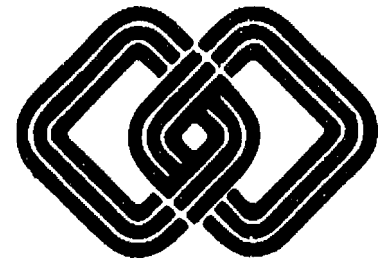
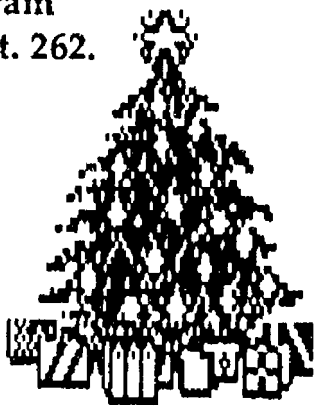
♥ Heather

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DOODLES FROM THE TALL TIMBER

By Wendell L. Hoover, Park Interpreter, North Higgins Lake State Park

According to those more familiar with Higgins Lake than I, say it froze over early this year and while it may have a covering of ice, the ice does not look good. The south end of the lake froze over first, because it is not quite as deep, and it has been supporting a few adventurous souls who like to fish on the first ice of the season.

Any northern lake undergoes a great deal of change as winter approaches. During the summer, most lakes have a layer of water near the surface which sunlight penetrates. It is in this warmer layer of water where oxygen-producing plants grow and most of the fish and other aquatic critters live. If you have ever done any scuba or snorkel diving, you know the water can get downright cold the deeper you go and the less light there is.

The cold water is heavier, thus it sinks to the bottom, but it contains little oxygen, explaining why most fish prefer the warmer oxygen-rich upper layers. As winter approaches, the surface waters cool and settle toward the bottom, displacing the oxygen-poor bottom layer. During this period, fish are generally active as they prepare for the darkness of winter. Plants continue to produce oxygen until ice forms and snow shuts out the light, but once the lake is ice covered, the fish must depend upon the oxygen dissolved in the water, until the ice melts in the spring and plant growth resumes. In order to survive, the fishes metabolism slows down and they are apt to search less actively for food. They spend most of their time suspended motionless in the cold dense water.

While the fish are doing their winter thing, animals and birds also make their preparations by migrating, storing extra food, or putting on a thicker coat of fur, and a few hibernate. True hibernators such as the chipmunk, gopher and the woodchuck, hide themselves in burrows, perhaps in

response to the amount of daylight. According to observations, they soon enter a deep sleep where their breathing and heart rates drop to only two or three a minute.

The sleeping animal depends upon energy from stored fat to support the slow metabolism, awakening only for short intervals to dispose of body waste before going back to sleep again. As spring approaches, the animal awakens more frequently and its active periods become longer. Some of those who study hibernation believe it is the lengthening day that awakens the deep sleeper, while others speculate the signal to wake up is brought on by the urge to mate.

Whatever the signal, don't expect to see any chipmunks or gophers for awhile, and if you venture out on any of the area lakes, exercise a lot of caution. In fact, a personal flotation device might be in order.



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED—Arnold and Joanne O. Gallaher celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in August, 1995, with a garden party at the home of their daughter, Mary Ann Rule, in Flint. The former Joanne Montour of Grayling, and Arnold Gallaher were married on Dec. 29, 1945, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, by Father Brannigan.

The couple have five sons, James A. of Davison, David G. of Flint, Martin D. of Burton, Jeffery S. of West Point, Tennessee, and John K. of Beaverton; and two daughters, Mary Ann Rule of Flint, and Deborah S. at home; and nine grandchildren.

Joanne is a 1942 graduate of Grayling High School. Arnold "Bud" served in the Army Air Corps from 1943-46, and retired in 1979 from Flint G.M. Division of Chevrolet and Buick after 38 years. They reside at 1328 Reid Rd., Flint, MI 48507.

MERCY HOSPITAL BIRTHS

The following parents are proud to announce their recent arrivals at Grayling Mercy Hospital:

Timothy and Marianne LeVigne of Grayling; Katherine Louise, Dec. 8, 1995, 7 pounds, 5.3 ounces.

Kieth and Elizabeth Duprey of Luzerne; Kieth Robert, Dec. 8, 1995, 8 pounds, 15.2 ounces.

Jim and Michelle Morearty of Houghton Lake; Lacey, Dec. 10, 1995, 6 pounds, 8.5 ounces.

Jim and Billie Jo Miller of Roscommon; Jennifer Angela, Dec. 11, 1995, 8 pounds.

Howard Houghton and Virginia (Jerry) Eldridge of Higgins Lake; Christopher Scott, Dec. 11, 1995, 6 pounds, 15.2 ounces.

Calvin LeBlanc and Amy Merithew of Frederic; Amy Brooke, Dec. 12, 1995, 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Gary and Rhonda Morse of

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| FRI. 29 | •SPEND TIME CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING, downhill skiing, or snowmobiling in Grayling's winter wonderland. |
| SAT. 30 | •ENJOY THE NEW YEAR'S WEEKEND! |
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| MON. 1 | •NEW YEAR'S DAY. |
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| WED. 3 | •AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE @ American Legion, 12 noon-6 pm. •SCHOOL RESUMES. •FRESH BBB VS. ROSCOMMON, away, 7 pm. •SINGLES FUN NIGHT @ Breakers Steak House, starting at 7 pm. Call 348-5507 or 348-8350 for more information. •ROTARY LUNCHEON MEETING @ Chief Shoppenagon's Motor Hotel, 12 noon. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W., weigh-in 4:45; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321. |

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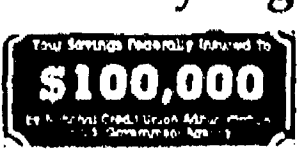
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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Murder

In *Matthew 19:18*, Christ clearly interpreted the 6th commandment: "...Though shalt do no murder..." This is the literal meaning of *Exodus 20:13*, "Thou shalt not kill." Christ gave a fuller exposition on murder in *Matthew 5:21-26*. In verse 21 He stated the common tradition of the Pharisees whereby they interpreted the commandment. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgement." To the Pharisees murder was only an outward act punishable by the court system. One was not a murderer until the court said you were. Pharisees could now consider O.J. Simpson a righteous man.

Christ then explained in verse 22 the deeper scope of murder: "But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgement; and whosoever shall say to his brother,

Raca, shall be in danger of the council; but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire." "Raca" meant "worthless" or "vain," and "fool" in the Greek text is "moros" from which we get our English word "moron." Christ reminded us that murder begins with an attitude of hate in the heart and words of hate from the mouth. Man judges the outward acts, but God judges the motives of the heart. People go to Hell for unjustified anger and words of hatred. "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer; and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." (*1 John 3:15*)

Christ have the solution to murder in verses 23-26. In verses 23 and 24 He reminded us that we need to resolve personal differences between brethren before we can properly worship God. In verses 25 and 26 He reminded us to be eager to settle our differences with our enemies or we will lose more in the end. "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your

Father forgive your trespasses." (*Matthew 6:15*) God tells us, "if it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." (*Romans 12:18*) One cannot claim to be a Christian and harbor hatred against his brother. "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (*1 John 4:20*)

Violence and murder reflect our age which has rejected God and His image in man. (*Genesis 1:26*). Leniency toward murderers had produced this result. (*Genesis 9:6*). Our age is given over to violence just like the days of Noah. (*Genesis 6:13*). This is one sure sign for the second coming of Jesus Christ. (*Matthew 24:37; Luke 17:26*)

Pastor "B"

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: The young know all, the middle-aged mistrust all, and the old believe all. Take care, and have a safe and happy new year!

New Year's bash on the 28th at 5:30 p.m., with dancing and ringing out the old and ringing in the new! 7 p.m. is our "midnight," and we hope that everyone has a safe and happy new year!

Winter is upon us in great fervor, but come when you can. Kept tuned in the mornings to see if the schools are closed, because that will be an indicator that the Senior Center will be closed also. Our motto is, if the roads are bad for the school buses to travel, then they are bad for seniors to be traveling into the center for activities or meals.

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We would like to wish one and all a very happy new year from all of us at the COA and senior center. Have a marvelous holiday, and the center will open for business on Jan. 2.

There could be a lot more people enjoying themselves if they would take advantage of activities that are offered through the Commission on Aging and Senior Citizen Center. Keep checking this column as well as the Senior Gazette, our monthly news bulletin and give us a call. We can give you more information, sign you up, or just chit-chat about something that might interest you. Stop in or give us a call at 348-7123.

Come and eat at the center. The meals are tasty, well balanced, it is really the best deal in town. Any senior,

or spouse, that is 60 or more is welcome, and bring your friends and families. With the new funding year upon us, the required donation for seniors remains the same, at \$1.50, however, the charge for those under 60 goes up to \$3.

Reservations are recommended, however, we can always take a few walk-ins—but for the most part, try to call ahead (348-7123). Meals are served at noon and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and noon only on Fridays. Menus are subject to change.

Lunch/Dinner
Dec. 27-Veal Parmesan/Salmon Patties;
Dec. 28-Country Pork/BBQ Chicken;
Dec. 29-Ham Loaf/No Dinner;
Jan. 2-Sweet & Sour Meatballs/Ham;
Jan. 3-BBQ Beef/Baked Chicken;
Jan. 4-Pork Steak/Meatloaf;
Jan. 5-Brown Steak/No Dinner.

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Why celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of the next? It seems a strange custom, yet there is a good reason for it.

Few, if any of us, have come even close to perfection in the year just ending. So we look ahead toward 365 brand-new days, blank pages in the next chapter of our lives.

What will we do with them? On the eve of a New Year, most of us certainly have the desire to try harder, to be better people.

But even while we are saying, "Off with the old and on with the new," we are also clinging to the good in the days gone by. As we renew old friendships, we thank God for those friends, for the Faith he has given us, for life itself.

The time God has allotted us on this earth is indeed most precious.

Why not begin the year the best way of all? Attend a Church or Synagogue of your choice.

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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
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Wednesday - Family Night
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Primary 11 a.m.
Priesthood 12 noon
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Wednesday 7 p.m.

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Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
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Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

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River House overwhelmed by generosity

In the true spirit of holiday giving, individuals, community organizations and businesses within the four counties served by River House Shelter (Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon) inundated the program with marvelous gifts for their women and children.

"Each year, I am truly touched by the kindness in our area," said River House Director Fernie Earber. "Not only do we have sufficient toys for the holidays, but for many birth days and special occasions during the year too."

In addition to donations of toys, the shelter received clothing, personal items, jewelry, crafts, toys and much more.

A very special contribution was made by the young men and staff of Shawono Center, who helped move a family, trimmed their tree, and delivered a large food order to the shelter. "I don't know what we would do without Shawono," said River House's office manager, Michele

Bagyi, who arranges for Shawono's help all year long. "They are courteous and hard-working young men, and the staff are great."

True community support is evidenced throughout the year, but most particularly at holiday time.

River House, which started with just a 24-hour crisis line in October, 1986, will be celebrating its 10th anniversary in October, 1996. Not only does the program provide residential services, but offers support groups, public education sessions about domestic violence dynamics, date rape and dating violence and abuser tactics, special school-based programs, children's activities, and a court-ordered education program for abusers. If you are a victim, remember that River House and the community are there for you. You are not alone.

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CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

New memorials to the Crawford County Library from Cornell Real Estate and Insurance include *Audubon Natural Priorities* for Arthur Clough Sr., *Shock Wave* for David Cook, *Bart Wolf's Menu Cookbook* for Malcolm Butler, *Curious George Gets A Medal* for Jason Scott Howe, *Good Life* for Guy Nolphi, and *Brinkley* for Dick Rasmussen.

In memory of Jason Scott Howe, *Wynken, Blynken And Nod* by Scott and Melissa Howe, and *When Will It Snow* by Stephani.

Bill and Gloria Kraus donated *Wildlife Painting Step By Step* in memory of Arthur Clough, Sr., and *Frugal Gourmet Keeps The Feast* in memory of Gloria Frymire.

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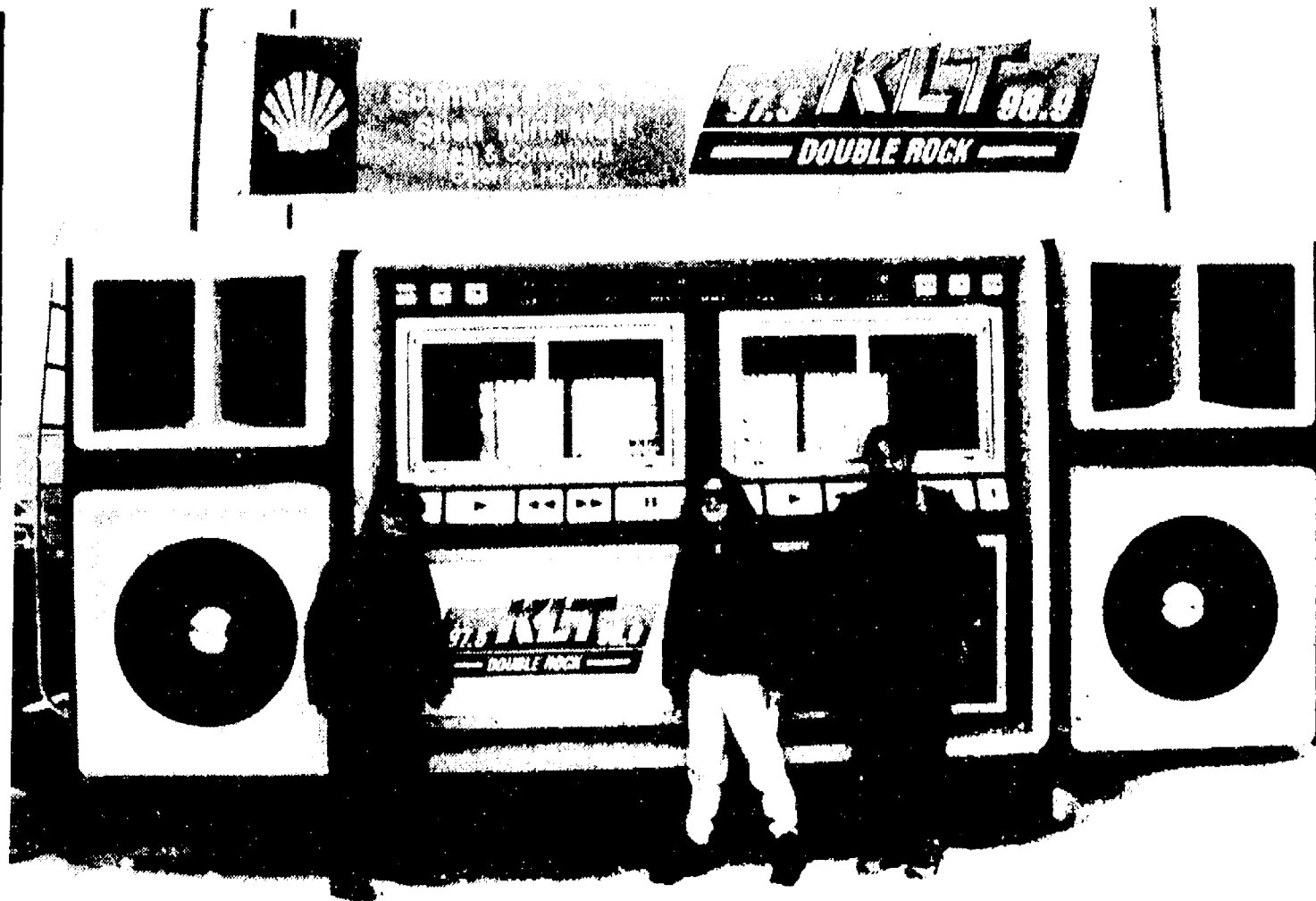
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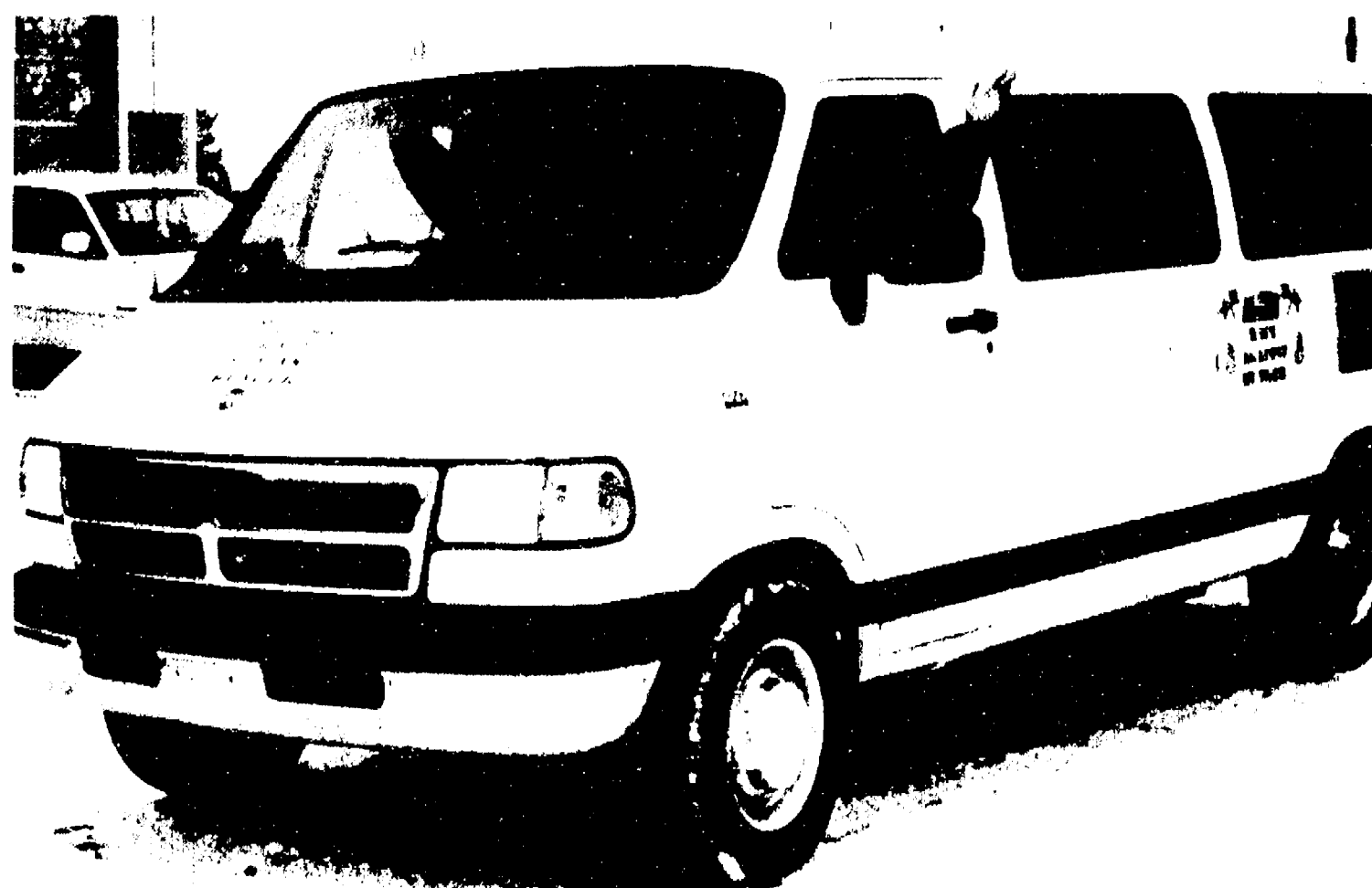
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Helen Reddy cancels concert

The Jan. 25 performance of *Shirley Valentine* featuring Helen Reddy, has been cancelled. According to management, the Interlochen Arts Festival event was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. All ticketholders have been notified.

The next concert on the 1995-96 Fall/Winter schedule is *Feel The Spirit*, featuring the Blind Boys of Alabama, with the Soul Stirrers, and special guest, Inez Andrews. This evening of gospel music will be presented Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 7:30 p.m., in Interlochen's Corson Auditorium.

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By Charles Tinsley, Cadillac Social Security Representative

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Every year, the government offers a 3-month open enrollment period from Jan. 1 to March 31. This period is to give you a second chance if you didn't enroll when you were first eligible, or you dropped your coverage in the interim. If you enroll during the current sign-up period, your coverage will

begin July 1, 1996. For 1996, the cost for Part B coverage is \$42.50 per month. Most delayed enrollees pay a 10-percent surcharge for each year they could have been enrolled but weren't.

Part B coverage, also called "medical insurance," helps pay for doctors' care, outpatient hospital visits, and other medical services. People are offered the option of signing up for Part B at the same time they are automatically enrolled in Medicare's Part A program.

Part A helps pay for inpatient hospital care and certain other services.

People who want to sign up for Part B Medicare coverage should call the Traverse City Social Security office at (616) 946-8361, or call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. any business day. The lines are busiest early in the week and early in the month, so it's best to call at other times.

Information on the 1996 changes in the Medicare costs the beneficiary pays will be included with the checks Social Security beneficiaries receive on Jan. 3.

The basic Medicare Part B premium,

the amount most people pay, is \$42.50 starting Jan. 1. If you are paying for Medicare Part B, the new premium will be deducted from your check.

The Part A deductibles—the amount you owe before Medicare starts paying—have increased. In 1996, you will pay \$736 for the first 60 days of a hospital stay and \$184 per day for the next 30 days. The Part B deductible remained at \$100 per year.

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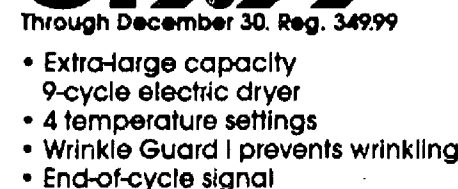
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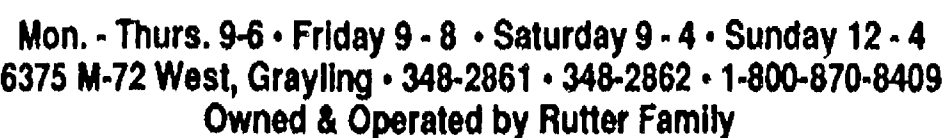
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3. Fill out rest of entry form this way including your three tie-breaker predictions (total points scored by both teams).
4. Return the entry form by 5 p.m. Friday to the Avalanche. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 p.m. and before 9 a.m. Mail entries must be postmarked Friday or earlier. No late entries accepted. No exceptions.
5. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed.

To win the overall prizes:

1. Each time you turn in an entry form you'll receive points for your correct picks. Most games will be worth one point. (All games for week 1 are worth one point each.) Later in the season, certain games will be designated as bonus point games worth more than one point. The biggest bonus point game will be at the last week of the contest.
2. You don't have to enter each week to be eligible to win but if you play each week, you'll have more chances to win points.
3. The person with the most points at the end of the football contest will win all the overall prizes.

For the winners of last week's game, see page 2B

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| WINNER | ADVERTISER |
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| Game 20 | |

Tiebreaker 1 (total points scored in game 1) _____
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Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

1. Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Entry blanks without advertisers listed will be invalid.
2. One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford Co. Avalanche employees are not eligible.
3. Completed entry blanks must be returned to the Avalanche no later than 5 p.m. Friday before each week's games. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than 5 p.m. Friday. Mail to Avalanche, PO Box 400, Grayling, MI, 49738.
4. Entries must be on an official entry blank as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office.
5. Winners may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming a prize.

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- *\$10 lunch or dinner certificate from Breakers Steak House & Lounge
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Overall Prizes

- *Free lube, oil & filter from Scheer Motors
- *Mystery gift from Sylvester's
- *\$25 gift certificate from Mac's Drugs
- *Dinner for two from Breakers Steak House & Lounge
- *\$10 gift certificate from Grayling Glen's Market
- *\$25 gift certificate from Grayling Red Barn
- *Free lube, oil & filter from Don Nester
- *\$50 off any purchase from Abel Auto Parts
- *\$50 gift certificate from Comfort Center
- *Sunday brunch for two and swim room, a \$50 value, from the Grayling Holiday Inn
- *Free car wash and dry from Diane's Car Wash
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Section B: Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, December 28, 1995

Organizers of the Winter Wolf Festival get in gear

Stop shoveling the white stuff and get out and enjoy it! The Grayling Winter Wolf Festival and Winter Wolf Challenge will take place Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 27-28.

The festival is so full of great things to do, they couldn't all be done in just one weekend. Pre-weekend events will start on Thursday, Jan. 25 with a Business After Hours at the Grayling Eagles Club at 5:30 p.m. The candidates for the title of Grayling Junior Miss 1996 will be introduced during the celebration. Later that evening, Hanson Hills will host a Ski Hills Torch Parade at 8 p.m., followed by the Business Olympics at 8:30 p.m.

On Friday, Jan. 26, Hanson Hills will host an open house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch being served from 11:30-1:30 p.m.

The fun continues at Hanson Hills at 8 p.m. with an adult cross country ski party followed by a community bonfire at 9 p.m.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, the Winter Wolf Challenge Kayak Competition begins at 10:15 a.m. at Ray's Fly Factory. This event starts in front of Ray's Canoe Livery and heads downstream to Penrod's Canoe Livery. Competitors will be required to loop four buoys on the way downstream to Penrod's, but will have a straight run back up stream to Ray's. The starts

will be individual.

The fun continues at Hanson Hills beginning with lessons at 11 a.m. Cartwright & Danewell will provide snowboard demonstrations and instructions all day, as well as camping

On Sunday, Jan. 28 the fun begins bright and early at Hanson Hills. At 8 a.m. the Grayling Booster Club hosts the Pancake Breakfast. For you late risers, the pancake breakfast will continue until 11:30 a.m.

The Winter Wolf Challenge Nordic Ski and Snowshoe Challenge begins at 11 a.m. at Hanson Hills.

The Nordic Ski leg of this event will traverse hilly terrain, following the red, yellow, blue and brown trails. Competitors free-style approximately five kilometers. Immediately upon completion of the Nordic skiing, the individual competitor will shed his or her skis and jump into snowshoes for a run back across some of the same hilly terrain, approximately three kilometers, and finish near the Cross Country warming house. Cartwright & Danewell will again provide snowboard demonstrations and instruction throughout the day. A nature walk on snowshoes begins at 11:15 a.m.

Satisfy your rumbling tummy when you judge the Chili Cook-off at noon. For only \$1, you can taste some of the tastiest chili in northern Michigan. The cook-off will continue until 3 p.m.

At 1 p.m. Hanson Hills will host the Dummy Races, with an Obstacle Course at 2 p.m.

The Awards ceremony for the Winter Wolf Challenge and Chili



TALLYING THE POINTS -- Michelle Parker and Dave Sabin count up the points to determine the winners of last year's Winter Wolf Challenge. The winner of the Classic category for men was Tom Cannon with an overall time of 49:30:50. Finishing in first place for the women was Connie Cannon with an overall time of 51:35:54. John Stover was the winner in the Senior category with an overall finish time of 56:20:23. Steve Corlew came away with first place in the Junior category with an overall time of 64:02:80.

Cook-off will be at 3:30 p.m., along with the raffle drawing.

This year the Winter Wolf Challenge Raffle costs \$3 a ticket or two for \$5. The total prize package is worth over \$1,000. Tickets are available from Grayling area businesses and the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

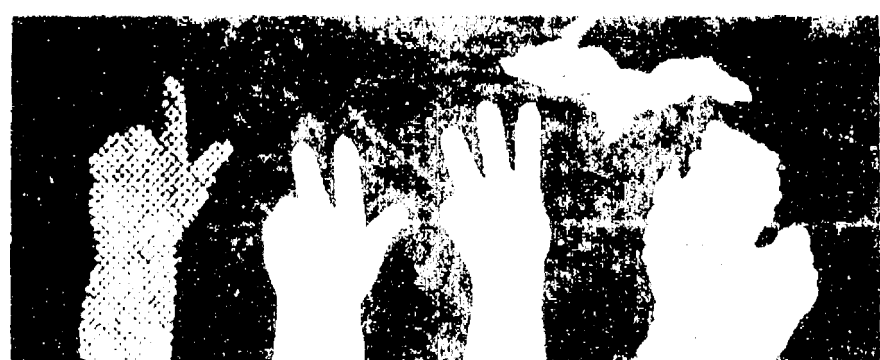
First prize in the Winter Wolf Challenge Raffle is a Solo Kayak, second place is Tubbs Snowshoes, third prize

is a pair of Fischer skis, fourth prize is a Grayling Ski Weekend and fifth prize is a Winter Wolf Challenge Clock.

The 3rd Annual Winter Wolf Challenge triathlon has three divisions: Juniors, ages 14-18; Classic, ages 19-49; and Masters, 50 years and over. The first three to finish, both men and women, in the Classic and Master groups will earn cash prizes. The first three to finish, both boys and girls, in the Junior group will be awarded trophies.

There is a \$20 entry fee for the Winter Wolf Challenge triathlon until Jan. 15. After Jan. 15, it is considered a late registration. Late registrations are \$25 and will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, at Ray's Canoe Livery. All competitors will receive a long-sleeve Winter Wolf Challenge T-shirt and a raffle ticket.

For more information on the Winter Wolf Challenge or the Winter Wolf Festival, contact the Grayling Area Visitors Council at 1-800-937-8837.



Kids count

Date set for Michigan Cup and Hanson Hills Classical

The 1996 Michigan Cup Marathon and Hanson Hills Classical are accepting registrations.

The Michigan Cup Marathon is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 20, at Hanson Hills Recreation Area. The Hanson Hills Classical is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 21, at Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

The Michigan Cup Marathon begins and ends at Hanson Hills. The 30 kilometer marathon starts at 10 a.m., with the junior category starting at 10:05 a.m.

The marathon is a free-style race over hilly terrain with a mass start. There is a \$25 entry fee. The entry fee is \$30 after Jan. 16, and will be accepted on race day. There are 14 different age categories.

Preregistered entrants will receive a t-shirt. Awards are also given out to for first overall male and female.

Medals go to the top three male and female finishers in each age group. All preregistered racers eat for free.

The Hanson Hills Classical will take place on Sunday, Jan. 21, at Hanson Hills Recreation Area.

The Classical is a 12 kilometer race over hilly terrain with a mass start. The course will have double set tracks. All preregistered entrants will receive a t-shirt. Awards for overall male and female finishers will be given out. Medals will go to the top three male and female finishers in each age group. There are 14 age groups.

The entry fee for the Classical is \$25 until Jan. 16. After Jan. 16, the fee is \$30.

For more information on the Michigan Cup Marathon or the Hanson Hills Classical, contact the Grayling Recreation Authority at (517) 348-9266.

KIDS COUNT reports on Crawford

By Linda Sherwood
Staff Writer

Findings from the *KIDS COUNT in Michigan 1995 Data Book* reveal the most dramatic changes in child well-being for Crawford County were in the areas of Child safety and teens at risk.

Child safety issues include child abuse and neglect victims as well as the number of children in out-of-home care.

Child abuse and neglect victims reflect an unduplicated count of children who are confirmed victims of abuse or neglect. The state defines abuse as "harm or threatened harm to a child's health and welfare, occurring through nonaccidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation or maltreatment."

The number of child abuse/neglect victims in Crawford County has dropped from 90 children in 1990 to 21 children in 1994, a 76 percent improvement. Crawford County ranks 33 out of 83 counties. Crawford was one of 59 counties where the rate of confirmed cases decreased.

Despite the decrease, nearly one of every 100 children in Michigan was a confirmed victim of abuse and neglect in fiscal year 1994. The number of cases investigated increased statewide from 1991 through 1994, however, the number of confirmed cases dropped during this same period.

Children in out-of-home care include only those children in facilities or placements supervised by the Department of Social Services (DSS) or the courts. These numbers are viewed as an under-count of children in out-of-home care because they do not include the number of children in mental health facilities or out-of-home

placements supervised by the Department of Mental Health.

The number of children in out-of-home care in Crawford County has dropped from 27 in 1990 to 12 in 1994, a 56 percent improvement.

Other areas of improvement for Crawford County is the high school dropout rate. Last year, KIDS COUNT rated Crawford County as having the second highest number of high school dropouts in Michigan. This year, according to KIDS COUNT the number of dropouts has improved by 62.5 percent. Crawford County is one of only 19 counties that showed improvement in the dropout rate this year. Last year, Kent Reynolds, superintendent of Crawford AuSable School District, disputed KIDS COUNT's dropout rate.

The school district, in the annual

report, calculates dropout rates as the percentage of students who leave school during the year without enrolling in another educational program.

KIDS COUNT calculates the dropout rate as the number of students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in public schools in a given year and the number enrolled in grades 10 through 12 the next year, with adjustments made for the number of graduating students and transfers in and out of the district.

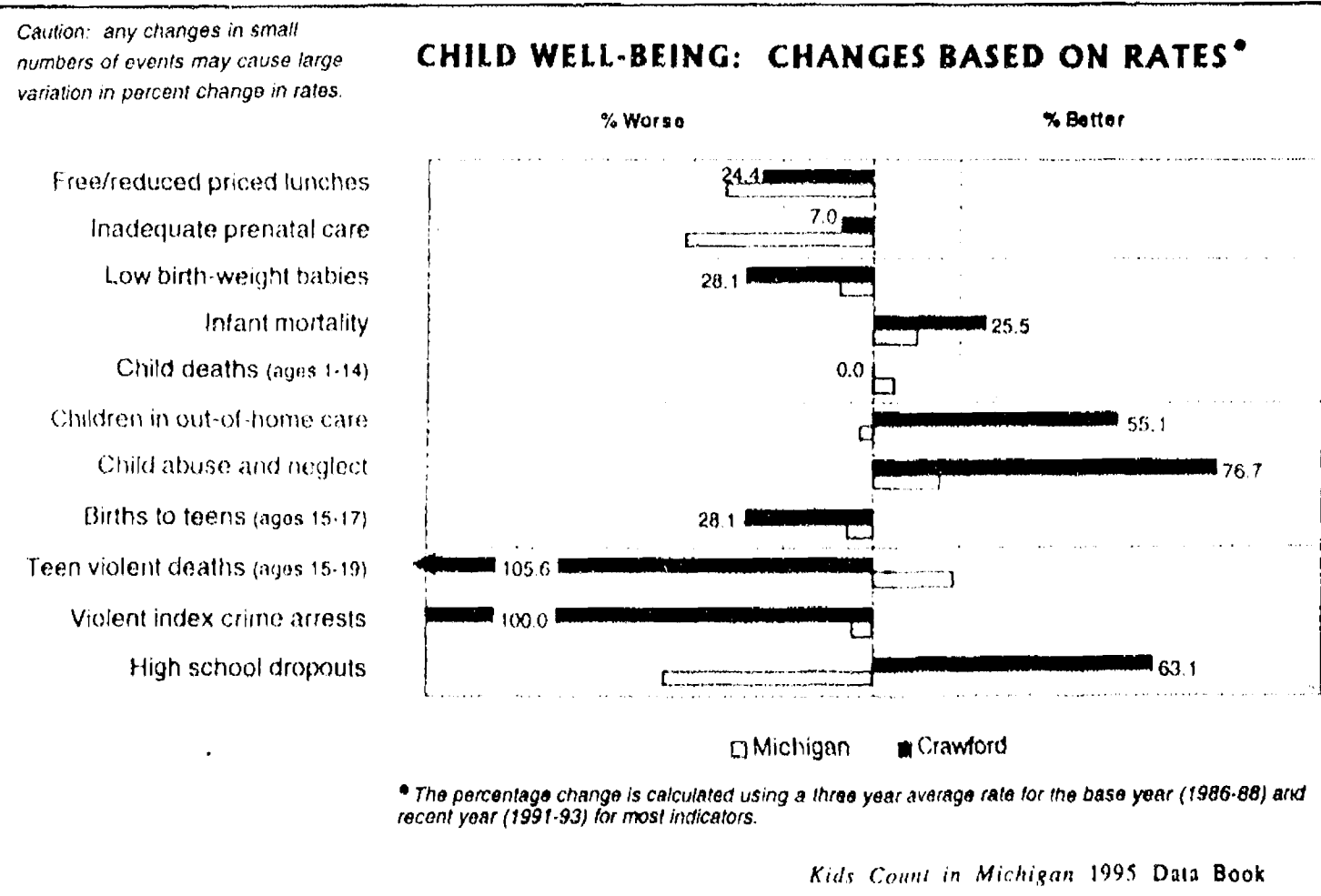
For the entire state of Michigan, the dropout rate has increased 46.4 percent from 1991-92 through 1993-94. The dropout rate varies significantly across counties in 1994, ranging from one percent in Grand Traverse and Missaukee counties to around 14 percent in Wayne, Oscoda and Luce counties.

Crawford County is only one county away from having the worst rate of births to teenagers ages 15-17 in Michigan, as ranked by KIDS COUNT.

The rate is based on the number of births per 1,000 women in this age group. Each year a rate is determined based on the population in this age group. In Crawford County the birth rate to teenagers during 1991 to 1993 is 28.1 percent worse than the base years of 1986 to 1988.

Births to teenage women throughout the state is only 5.7 percent worse than it was during the base period.

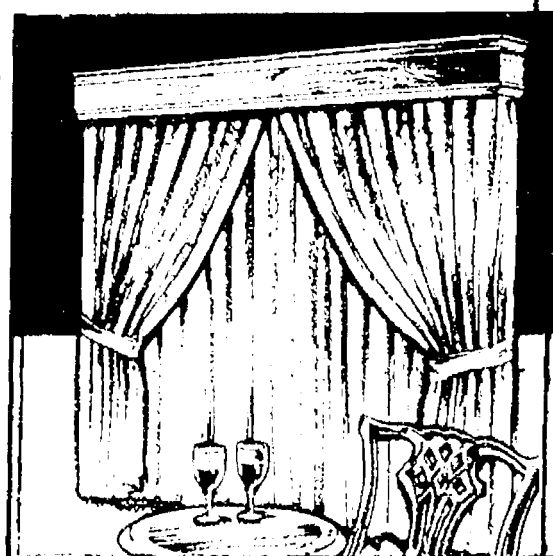
Findings from the KIDS COUNT 1995 reveal the most dramatic changes in child well-being in Michigan were in the area of teens at risk, child health and economic security.



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Viking wrestlers thump

In a tri-meet held at Grayling High School on Thursday, Dec. 21, the Grayling Vikings beat the Alpena Wildcats by a 48-28 score, but were defeated by the Division II, number one ranked Petoskey Northmen, 50-17.

"We had to forfeit five different weight divisions," said Viking Coach Don Ferguson. "We wrestled well, but we've got to improve to become a really good team."

Winning two matches for the Vikes were juniors Dana Beckwith at 103 pounds and Eddie Davis at 125 pounds.

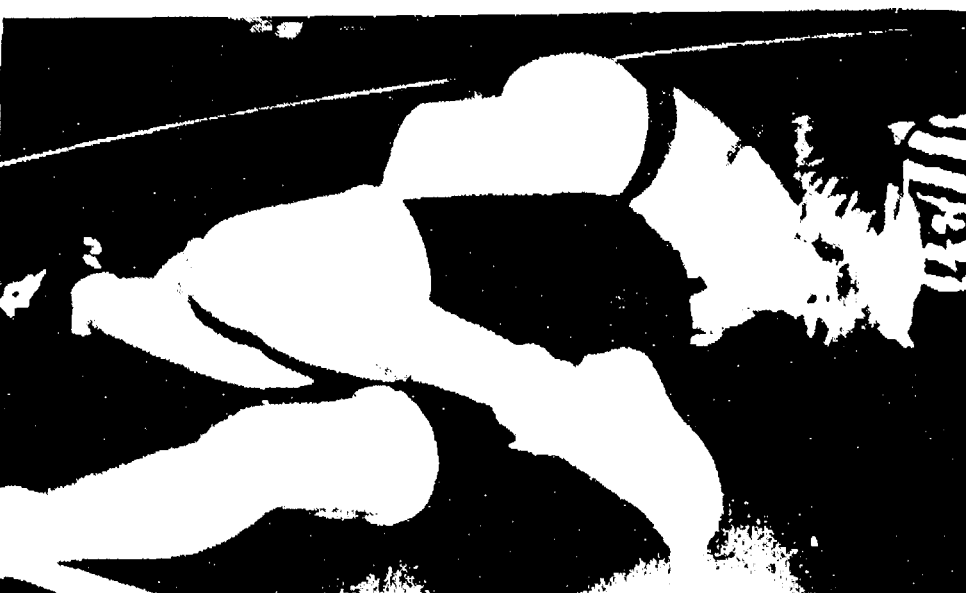
Davis has built a 14-0 overall record by winning every match this year, and was named Ferguson's Viking of the Week. Also winning two matches

were senior Dale Kniss at 215 pounds. Kniss also has compiled a perfect 14-0 record. Sophomores Dave Shepherd at 119 and Nate Niederer at 152 both won two matches.

Winning a single match were sophomores Ben Malonen and Shawn Ashworth at 130 and 189 respectively. 135 pound junior, Jason Hall also won one of two matches.

The Vikings will face their next opponents at Gladwin, in a 12-team invitational, on Saturday, Jan. 6.

Alpena, lose to Petoskey



VICTORIOUS VIKINGS--(Top) Sophomore Viking Nate Niederer pushes for the pin, while (below) sophomore Shawn Ashworth attempts to pull his opponent out of position.

Football Contest

Ross Thompson won this week's football contest with 36 points, beating out Brenda Curtis, Louise Hatfield and Scott Wakeley, who each had 35 out of a possible 40 points.

There were 159 entries this week, with four entries being disqualified because they were late. The top contenders in the overall contest are:

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| Louise Hatfield, 287 | D. J. Metzger, 279 | Jacquie Glander, 273 |
| Mary Gothro, 280 | Irving McIsaac, 279 | Ross Thompson, 272 |
| Brenda Curtis, 279 | Mike Brandel, 274 | Kimberly Curtis, 272 |
| | Dave Peterson, 273 | Mike Harmer, 272 |

Last week's winning teams were:

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Detroit (47) (5 pts.) | 8. Atlanta | 15. Detroit |
| 2. San Diego | 9. Chicago | 16. Green Bay |
| 3. Indianapolis | 10. New Orleans (12) | 17. Kansas City |
| 4. Green Bay (5 pts.) | 11. Cincinnati | 18. Denver |
| 5. Houston (5 pts.) | 12. Washington | 19. Kansas (5 pts.) |
| 6. Kansas City | 13. Denver | 20. Blue (33) (5 pts.) |
| 7. Jacksonville | 14. Miami | |

Holiday Inn Viking of the week



Wrestling Eddie Davis

Viking junior Eddie Davis, wrestling at 125 pounds, has earned a perfect overall record of 14 victories against no losses.



FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

Ski Season

Ski season is in full swing! We will be open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. from Dec. 26-30, and Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Private lessons are always available. Our cross-country trails will be groomed daily to bring you the best trails in Grayling.

Grayling State Bank offers a free ski-race clinic for all skiers.

Recreation Program News

Boys and girls skating classes will begin the week of Jan. 1. A free clinic will be offered on Wednesday, Dec. 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Womens' Volleyball Standings

Dec. 21: Just for Fun over Mercy North, 3-0

Indoor Rollerblade Hockey League

Games begin Jan. 6. Register now! 4th and 5th Grade Free Ski

Program

Registration information will be in the schools after the first of the year. Beginning date, Jan. 10.

Coming Soon

Pom Pon program for girls in grades 1-4, beginning Jan. 8. Cross-country Ski Club--everyone welcome!

Facility Available

The Hanson Hills lodge and surrounding area is available to your club, organization, family and friends for informal meetings and gatherings. Rates determined by need. You may rent the entire Hanson Hills facility for \$175 plus \$75 deposit, for the entire day. (Horseshoes and volleyball available.)

Ski Memberships

Memberships are available now for families and individuals. Lockers are also available again this year, for \$20.

Operation Facelift

As part of our Operation Facelift Project, we are cleaning inside too. If your child has trophies or pictures that he/she has not picked up yet, call us before Dec. 30. Thank you!

YES! YES! YES! We're Open

Our cross-country trails are open and groomed! Everyone that has been skiing says they are wonderful! Our downhill slopes are also groomed and ready to go. Note that New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, our skiing hours will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Remember, after the kids go back to school, we are still open Thursday and Friday evenings, 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come out and have fun in the snow.

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Ski Conditions Report

Projected Weekend Ski Conditions

Cross Country Ski Shop - Grayling

Average Base: 2 1/2 feet packed base. Surface Conditions: 2.5 miles open, groomed, double set track, 12 ft. wide. Skating lane. Excellent conditions. One mile lighted loop open. No trail fee.
Store Hours: Monday through Friday 9 am to 6 pm, Saturday & Sunday 9 am to 6 pm. Ski equipment and snowshoe rental available. (517) 348-8558

Hanson Hills Ski Area - Grayling

Average Base: fifteen to seventeen inches packed base. Downhill Surface Conditions: All trails and lifts in operation, snowy conditions, soft powder. Cross Country Surface Conditions: 35 km, track set of trails open from 9 am til dusk, seven days a week.
Holiday Hours: December 26th thru December 30th 11 am to 9 pm; December 31st 11 am to 3 pm; January 1st 11 am to 3 pm; January 2nd 11 am to 9 pm; closed January 3rd.

Cross Country Ski Headquarters - Higgins Lake

Average Base: fifteen inches, 28" snow in the woods. Surface Conditions: Excellent, freshly groomed, all eight trails open. Deep track set, skating lanes combed. Holiday Hours: Open Friday & Saturday, 9 am to 9 pm; Sunday through Thursday 10 am to 9 pm. After Jan. 1st, Thurs. 10 am to 6 pm. (517) 821-6661.

Special Note: Serving hot chocolate on Saturdays at Trapper's Cabin.

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For updated information, call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at (517) 348-2921

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Pool League

| | |
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| Legion | 33 |
| Shoppington's | 33 |
| Spikes | 28 |
| Plaza | 26 |

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BOWLING LEAGUE

| Recreation League First Half Results | |
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| Peterson Saw Service | 41-19 |
| Cornell | 36-24 |
| Glen's | 35-24.5 |
| Scheer Motors | 30-30 |
| Mickey Perez CPA | 30-30 |
| Mark 8 | 24-36 |
| Fun-N-Sun Rental | 22-38 |
| North Country R.V. | 21.5-38.5 |
| High Game: J. Hinds, 200, C. Czuba, 198, B. Wheeler, 191. High Series: J. Hinds, 512, J. Michal, 504, B. Wheeler, 502. | |

| Senior Citizen League | |
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| Sylvester's | 37-23 |
| Buccilli's | 36-24 |
| Cornell's | 36-24 |
| Totten's Body Shop | 30-30 |
| Flowers by Josie | 28-32 |
| Baynham | 26-34 |
| Century 21 | 25-35 |
| Larry & Joan's | 22-38 |
| Men's High Game: D. Gennain, 198, P. Mead, 194, K. Harris, 186. Men's High Series: P. Mead, 505, D. Gennain, 503, G. Wolfe, 498. Women's High Game: B. Barrett, 189, D. Hall, 171, G. Miller, P. Harris, 167. Women's High Series: D. Hall, 464, B. Barrett, 458, P. Harris, 447. | |

| American Men's League | |
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| Upper Lakes | 42-14 |
| Auto Parts | 34-22 |
| Stitches By Sue | 33-23 |
| BCL | 29-27 |
| McLeans | 27-29 |
| Fenton's Auto | 23-33 |
| Red Barn | 20-36 |
| Rod's Auto Body | 16-40 |
| High Game: P. Faustman, R. Pyle, 214, R. Grant, J. Helsel, 212. High Series: J. Helsel, 574, J. Thayer, 563, R. Pyle, 559. | |

| Northwood League | |
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| Stitch in Time | 4 |
| Subway | 3 |
| House of Cabinets | 3 |
| Milikin's | 3 |
| Wakeley's Auto Parts | 1 |
| Rich's Cycle Service | 1 |
| Paul's Towne House | 1 |
| Pearls & Lace | 0 |
| High Game: L. Dannenberg, 195, S. Romain, 193, W. Milikin, 192. High Series: S. Romain, 531, L. Dannenberg, 506, L. Raybould, 489. | |

| Friday Night Mixed Doubles | |
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| A. Building Towing | 4-0 |
| Moshier Auto Repair | 3-1 |
| No Fear | 3-1 |
| Cedar Motel | 3-1 |
| Aunt Betty's | 1-3 |
| A.H. Rental & Repair | 1-3 |
| AJD | 1-3 |
| Advance Collision | 0-4 |
| Men's High Game: R. Lozon, 202, B. Trudeau, 193, R. Moshier, 189. Men's High Series: B. Lozon, 521, R. Lozon, 515, R. Moshier, 502. Women's High Game: J. Hinds, 179, B. Lozon, K. Moshier, 178, S. Sumner, 168. Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 475, K. Lozon, 455, B. Lozon, 443. | |

| National League 1st Division | |
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| Breakers Steak House | 38 |
| House of Cabinets | 38 |
| Budweiser | 35 |
| Moore's Auto | 31 |
| City Environmental | 29 |
| Guns & Grub | 26 |
| Carquest | 23 |
| Frederic Inn | 20 |
| High Game: P. Miller, 254, S. Miller, 208, 215, M. Barr, 209. High Series: S. Miller, 570, M. Barr, 569, P. Miller, 566. | |

| Pioneer League First Half Results | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Chemical Bank | 40-5-19-5 |
| Custom Interior | 35-25 |
| Eagles | 33-5-26-5 |
| Avalanche | 30-5-29-5 |
| Milikin's | 27-5-32-5 |
| Aunt Betty's | 27-33 |



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Hospice plans January volunteer training

Hospice with Loving Care needs volunteers, especially during the day, and has scheduled training courses for mid-January at its offices in Roscommon.

Volunteers help Hospice with Loving Care provide compassionate care for the dying in many roles: They can provide relief for caregivers, run errands or be a companion to the patient and family, just to name a few.

Anyone over the age of 16 is encouraged to consider hospice as a volunteer opportunity. At this time, hospice has a special need for volunteers to assist during the day.

Card of thanks

A sincere thank you to Doctors Burkley and Mulham. Also, the nurses and I.C.U. staff, friends and relatives that sent cards and flowers.

God bless one and all,
The Earl Isenbauer Family

Avalanche announces early deadlines for New Year's

The Avalanche will also be closed on Monday, January 1, 1996, in observance of New Year's Day. The deadline for full page, half page, or color display ads, for the January 4 issue, will be 5 p.m., Wednesday, December 27. The deadline for all display ads smaller than a half page is 5 p.m. Thursday, December 28. Letters to the Editor and photographs must be turned in by noon Friday to be considered for the next issue. Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by Tuesday noon, January 2. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by Tuesday noon.

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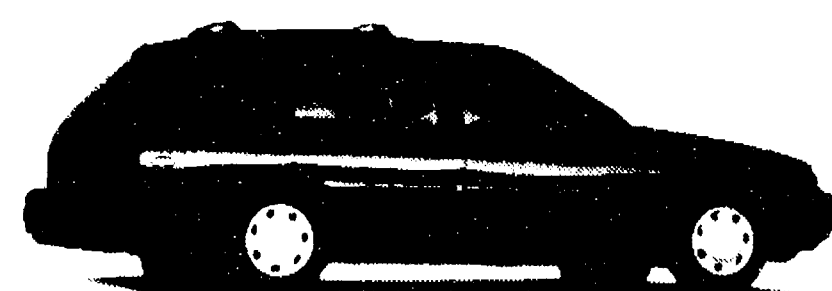
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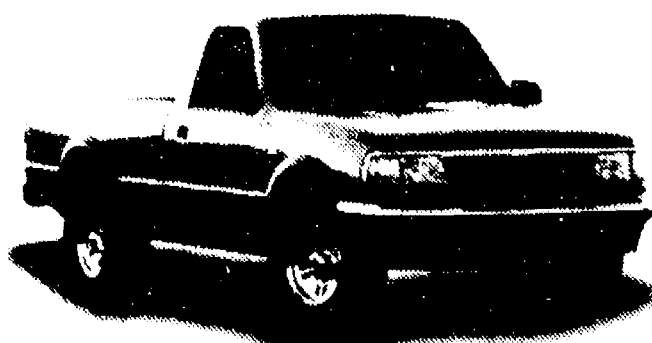
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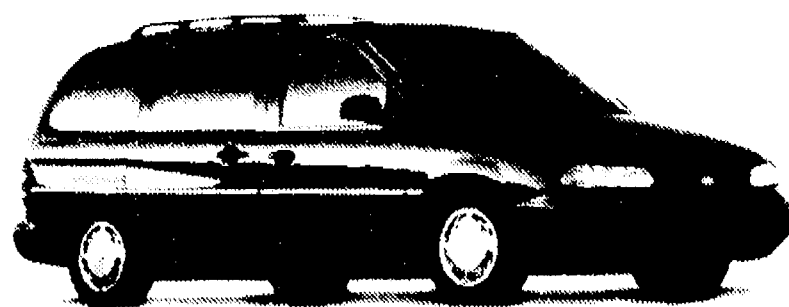
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GMS b-ball scoreboard

The results of the Grayling Middle School 7th and 8th grade teams are listed. Both 7th and 8th grade have a green team and a white team. Doug Pummell coaches the 7th grade green team. Mark Hartman coaches the 7th grade white team. The 8th grade green team is coached by John Junilla. The 8th grade white team is coached by Phil Trudgeon.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

The 7th grade teams were host to Houghton Lake. Houghton Lake defeated both the white and green teams. The 7th grade green team lost 42 to 40. Top scorers for the green team were Chris Youngblood, 16 points; Josh Petrie, 10 points; Brad Gorski, seven points; and Justin Neuberger with 13 points.

The 7th grade white team lost 23 to 20. There were four players with four points each. They were Max Schriener, Marcus Marelich, Kyle Langseth and Ryan Mahaffy.

The 8th grade teams travelled to Houghton Lake. The green team was unable to defeat the Bobcats, but the white team dominated their competition.

The 8th grade green team lost to Houghton Lake with a score of 45-35. Adam Knapp was the leading scorer for the Vikings, contributing 15 points.

The 8th grade white team defeated the Bobcats 31-13. Leading scorers were Brian McCurdy and Eric Brinks with eight points each.

Monday, Dec. 18

The 7th grade teams hosted Gaylord. The green team defeated the visiting Blue Devils.

The 7th grade green team defeated Gaylord with a score of 43 to 34. Leading scorers were Justin Neuberger with 12 points, Brad Gorski contributed 10 points and Josh Petrie came in with eight points and nine rebounds.

The 7th grade white team lost to Gaylord by just one basket with a score of 33-31. Leading scorers were Kyle Langseth with 13 points and Max Schriener with 10 points.

The 8th grade green teams travelled to Gaylord.

The 8th grade green team defeated Gaylord 53-46. Leading scorers were David Hawkins and Nate Hinkle with 15 points each. Eli Tobin scored eight points.

The 8th grade white team lost to Gaylord 38-18. Leading scorer was Josh Pruitt with seven points. Josh Brannan played a solid defensive game.

December Students of the Month



GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCES ITS DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH — Joshua Brannan, Paul Clark, Angela Cooper, Billy Cox, Shalee Cox, Eric Deline, Heidi Englund, Wesley Fox, Joe Fritz, Brad Gorski, James Harland, Kenny Heinlein, Tyler Huber, Ann Hughes, Kelly Jansen, Paul Jansen, Jennifer Kelley, Danielle LoGiudice, Rachelle Miller, Autumn Patterson, Coleman Payne, Felicia Philips, Krystyna Rugenstein, Jillian St. Germain, John Stephan, Ryan Swope, Sara VanGuldner, Brad Varda, Christopher Wakeley, Charley Williams, JoAnn Yarger, Christopher Youngblood. Not pictured is Travis Lohrer.

DNR urges caution when walking or fishing on ice

Due to unseasonable cold weather in Michigan during the past few weeks, many bodies of water are now covered with ice, but this ice may not be thick enough to support a person's weight. Those planning to go out on the ice are advised to use caution.

The unusually cold November and early December weather was accompanied by heavy snowfall in many areas of the state, creating ice-covered bodies of water with slushy snow on top. Heavy snow cover insulates ice and prevents it from freezing as evenly and as quickly as it would without the snow cover. Snow cover is also deceptive and makes it difficult to evaluate the ice.

Specific bodies of water can also pose special safety considerations. In Saginaw Bay, for example, pressure cracks in the ice have been reported in recent weeks. Pressure cracks are common hazards on ice cover along the bays of the Great Lakes. Wind and wave action in the open waters far offshore cause movement of the ice, which results in large cracks, some of which run for miles across the ice. Combined with windy conditions, pressure cracks can set large "sheets" of ice adrift, along with any anglers who may be on them. In addition, ships moving through Saginaw Bay break the surrounding ice and create

areas of open water, making adjacent ice sheets unstable.

Many ice anglers ask the question "How thick is the ice?" when evaluating whether or not to venture out. Relying simply on the thickness of the ice is dangerous, because the quality of ice varies greatly from one body of water to another. Recent weather conditions can affect how solidly the ice freezes, or whether it has been weakened by repeated thawing and freezing. The size of the body of water is also important; ice will form far more rapidly on a small, shallow farm pond than it will on a river, deep inland lake or bay of the Great Lakes.

Here are some useful tips and safety guidelines for walking or fishing on ice.

• Before venturing out onto the ice, check with local sources such as bait and tackle shops for the most up-to-date information on ice conditions.

• Don't go out alone. Let someone know where your group will be and when you plan to return.

• Be especially cautious early and late in the winter season when ice thickness is unpredictable due to temperature fluctuations.

• Be especially wary of river ice, as it can be highly variable in thickness due to the erosive action of the

underlying river current. Also avoid ice formed over flowing water near shore, around inlets and outlets of streams, or on lakes with springs.

• Avoid aeration devices, such as warm-water bubblers used near marinas.

• Stay away from structures, docks or pilings in the ice.

• Wear a personal flotation device. Also, carry a couple of large nails and a length of light nylon rope. If you should go through the ice, the nails could help provide a grip on the slippery surface and aid in getting out.

• If you do break through the ice, try not to panic. Remember to turn toward the direction you came from — toward the ice that supported you. Use the nails or your hands to gain a hold on the unbroken surface of the ice, and advance by kicking your feet.

• Once you are out of the water and are lying on the ice, don't stand. Roll away from the point where you broke through until you are on solid ice.

• If you see someone fall through the ice, do not run toward the person. Carefully extend a rope, ladder, pole or line to the victim.

Children should always be supervised when on the ice.

Respecting ice-covered waters and taking these simple safety precautions can help to prevent ice-related accidents.

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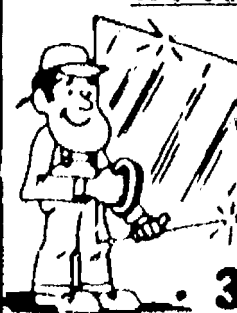
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On Monday, Dec. 18, the Viking Freshman Basketball team travelled to Kalkaska, where they lost 67-50.

At halftime the Vikings had Kalkaska on the run with a score of 28-26 in Kalkaska's favor.

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OBITUARIES

Harlan Lepper

Harlan S. Lepper, 70, of Grayling Township, died Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1995, at Timberview Village, Frederic. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, 1996, at 1 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with members of VFW Chapter 3736 of Grayling officiating.

Mr. Lepper was born March 23, 1925, in Detroit. He and his wife, the former Elizabeth A. Duty, were married March 30, 1946, in Wyandotte. He was a retired dispatcher for the automobile transport business in Wayne. They moved to Grayling 16 years ago from Belleville.

Mr. Lepper was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter 3736, Grayling, and Disabled American Veterans, Higgins Lake.

Mr. Lepper was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Flossie (Scratch) Lepper.

Survivors include: wife, Betty A. Lepper of Grayling; sons, Edward and wife Doris Lepper of Ypsilanti, Jimmy and wife Trudy, Donald and wife Linda Lepper, both of Belleville, and Harlan D. Lepper of Mt. Pleasant; daughters, Delphine and husband Jim Flat of Belleville, and Shirley and husband Acey Brown of Harrison; 16 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the VFW Chapter 3736 building fund.

Lois Bender

Lois M. Bender, 79, of Grayling, died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m., at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, with Reverend Joseph Carpenter officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Grayling.

Mrs. Bender was born April 9, 1916, in Marie, Iowa. She moved to Grayling in 1971, from Dearborn.

Mrs. Bender was preceded in death by her husband, George N. Bender in 1976; her parents, Mack and Lula (Nichols) Kerchevall, and brothers, Edward and Charles Kerchevall.

Survivors include: son, George M. Bender of Grayling; brother, Kenneth Kerchevall of Toledo; sisters, Carrie Pinkley and Ruth Chilcote, both of Toledo; Rose Share of St. Louis, Missouri; and Edith Summers of Atlanta, Georgia; brother-in-law, Jack and wife Madge Bender of Toledo; nieces and nephews; and special friends, Raymond and Wendy Conter and Arthur and Doris Vogel.

Alice Harney

Alice M. Harney, 83, of Grayling, died Monday, Dec. 25, 1995. Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 29, in Nowata, Oklahoma, under the direction of Benjamin Funeral Home.

A full obituary will appear in next week's Avalanche.

Kenneth Kregel

Kenneth L. Kregel, 28, of Roscommon, died Monday, Dec. 18, 1995, as the result of an automobile accident in Kalkaska County. Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 23, at 1:30 p.m., at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, with Reverend Paul Boerger officiating. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

Mr. Kregel was born Dec. 4, 1967, in Bay City. He had been a resident of Beaver Creek Township for two years, previously living in Pinconning. He and his wife, the former Jennie Pieczulewski, were married Sept. 3, 1989, in Kawkawlin.

Mr. Kregel was a welder, and was a member of Mt. Hope Lutheran Church, Grayling.

Mr. Kregel was preceded in death by his father, Frederick Kregel.

Survivors include: wife, Jennie Kregel; daughters, Angela and Rebecca, both at home; mother, Patricia Kregel of Pinconning; brothers, John Kregel of Ravenna, Ohio, William Kregel of Midland, and Robert Kregel of Pinconning; nieces and nephews, Monica Pieczulewski, Todd Lindsey and Austin Kregel.

Margaret Stewart

Margaret E. Stewart, 83, of Grayling, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 1995, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Dec. 27, at 11 a.m., at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, with Reverend Joseph Carpenter officiating. Service of committal will be held Thursday, Dec. 28, at 1 p.m., at Clinton Grove Cemetery in Mt. Clemens, with Reverend Paul Doherty officiating. Arrangements were made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Stewart was born Jan. 29, 1912, in Mt. Clemens. She had been a resident of Grayling since 1970, moving here from Mt. Clemens. She was a former member of Woman's Club and the Garden Club of Mt. Clemens, and belonged to the bridge group that meets at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling.

Mrs. Stewart worked as a secretary to the superintendent of Mt. Clemens School District, and also at L'Anse-au-Loup School District. She was also a secretary at Macomb Youth Home.

She was first married to Leighton Schwalm, who preceded her in death in 1944. She married Asa J. Stewart in 1947, and he preceded her in death in 1980. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Floyd W. and Florence (Miller) Rosso.

Survivors include: son, David L. Schwalm of Escanaba; daughters, Mary DeCook of Toledo, Ohio, and Florence and husband James Hough of Grayling; daughter-in-law, Margaret Schwalm of Marquette; and nine grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Alma College Scholarship fund.



Mr. and Mrs. David Shires

Laughlin, Shires married

Mauri, Hawaii was the setting for the Nov. 29 marriage of Marla S. Laughlin and David J. Shires. Their parents are Anita A. Laughlin of Battle Creek, and David E. and Frances E. Shires of Grayling.

Witnesses were Natalia and Kevin Schamehorn.

The bride is a graduate of Western Michigan University and is employed as a financial planner with Plante & Moran Financial Advisors. The bridegroom is a graduate of Lake

Superior State College and Western Michigan University, and is a partner with NetLink Systems, LLC. The couple reside in Kalamazoo.

Earl Haight

Earl L. Haight, 80, of Roscommon, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1995, at his home. A memorial service will be held in the spring.

Mr. Haight was born Aug. 14, 1915, in Audobon, Minnesota, to Glenn and Mabel (Swanson) Haight. He had been a resident of Roscommon since 1941. On June 7, 1947, he was married to Mary Sue "Sheba" Aubrey, in Roscommon.

Mr. Haight was assistant principal, teacher, coach and athletic director at Roscommon High School from 1941 to 1985. He was also a former Crawford County commissioner, an auxiliary mail carrier, umpire, and he covered sports for the Bay City Times, the Roscommon Herald, and the Houghton Lake Resort.

Mr. Haight loved all sports, including hunting, fishing and golfing.

Survivors include: wife, Sheba Haight; sons, Butch of Charlotte, and Glenn and wife Cindy of Roscommon; grandchildren, Staci, Erick, Ashley and Trevor; and sister, Shirley Kazeck of California.

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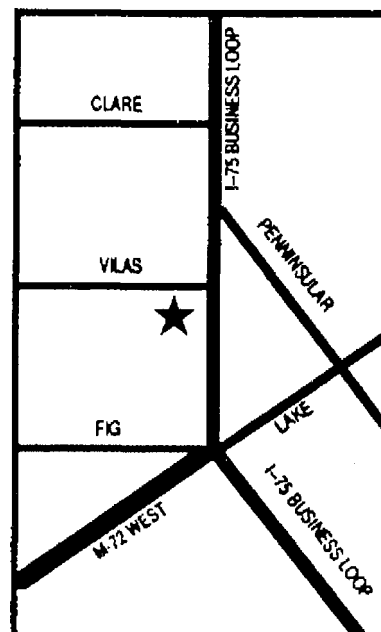
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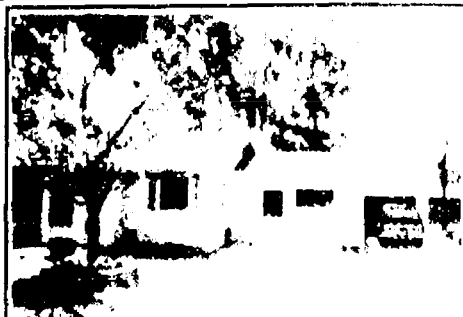
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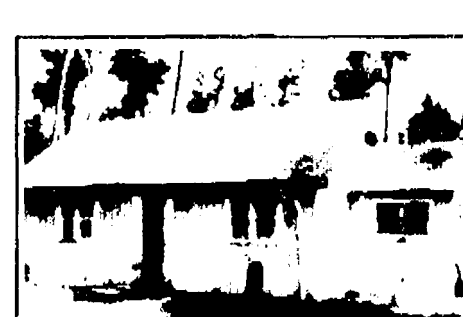
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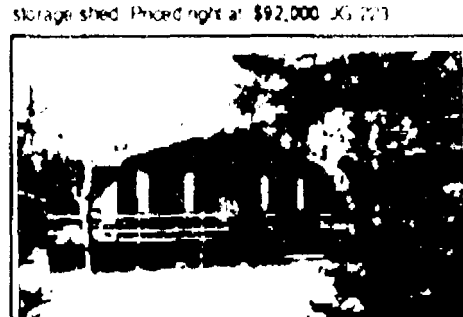
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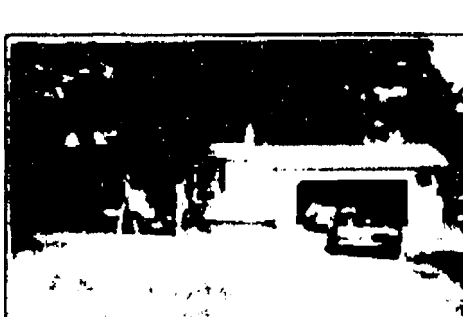
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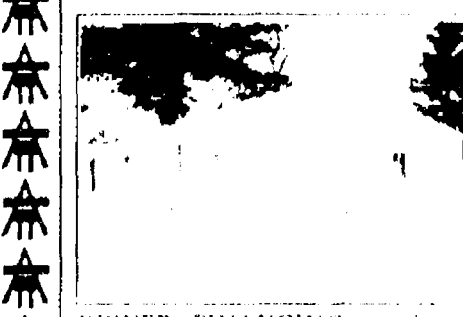
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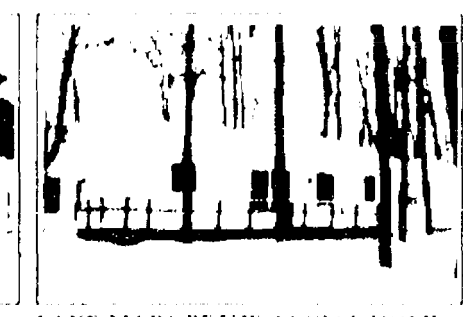
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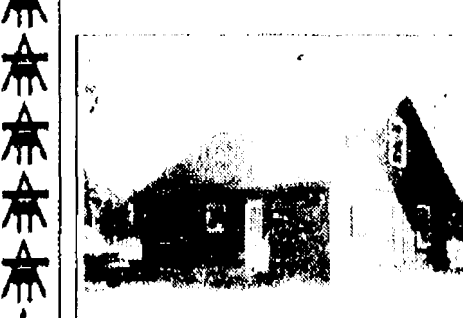
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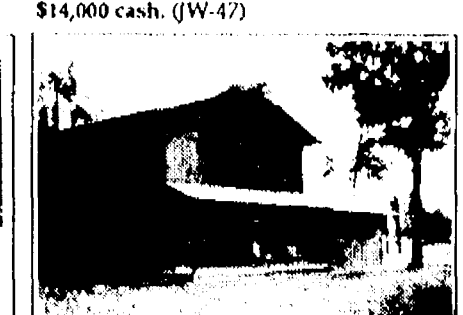
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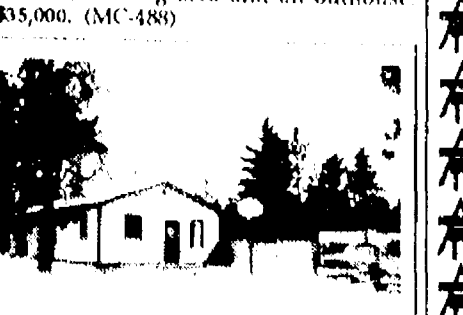
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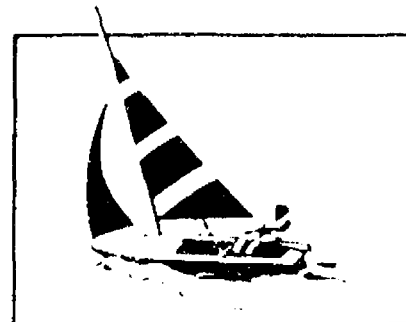
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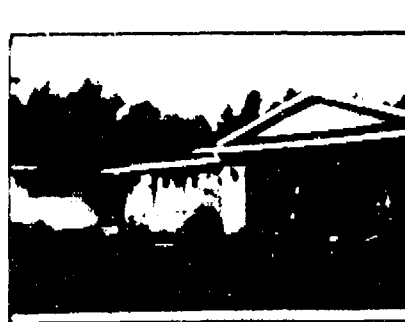
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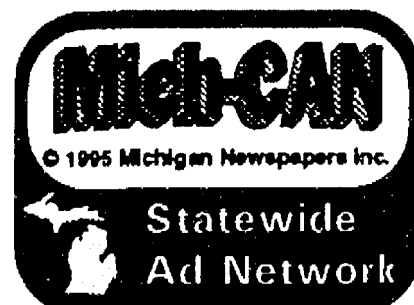
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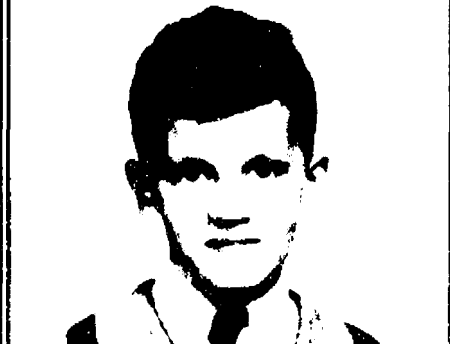
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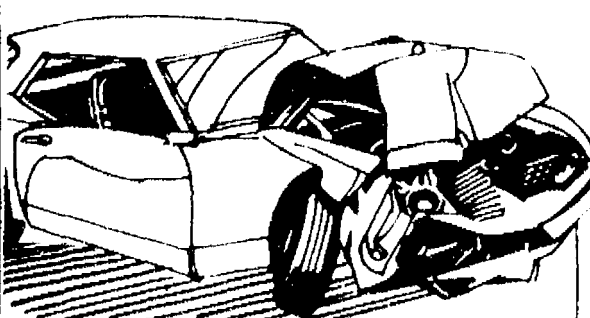
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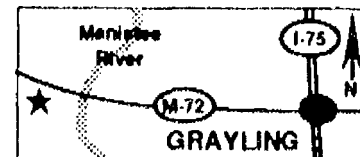
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LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS Crawford County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of Nov. 28, 1995

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Long in the County Building, Grayling, Michigan, on Nov. 28, 1995. Roll Call: Long, Hartman, Black, McLaughlin, Smock, and Bretzke. Absent: None. County Clerk, Sandra Moore-present. There were others present at various times.

Accepted the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Nov. 8, 1995.

IN FORMAL ACTION, COMMISSIONERS:

Agreed to pay \$55,061 to Law Weathers & Richardson for services rendered through Oct. 20, 1995, in regard to Supreme Court decision in Grand Traverse County vs. State of Michigan. Reappointed Maureen McNamara as the Republican nominee to the Board of Canvassers through Dec. 31, 1999.

Reappointed Lisa Donaldson as the Democratic nominee to the Board of Canvassers through Dec. 31, 1999.

Agreed to keep the new jail site as clean as possible to comply with the required Commercial Closure Standards and request the Building Authority to advise of any steps necessary to facilitate this matter.

Approved to provide \$400 funding to the Sheriff's Department for the S.T.I.N.G. Program costs.

Agreed to close the Court House Nov. 29, 1995, at 1 p.m. due to a scheduled power outage for work on the new jail. Reducing the work day

11. Automotive

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-21-28/11

1992 OLDS ACHIEVA Air, cruise, ABS, power locks, new front tires, one owner, 39,000 miles. Asking \$10,000. 348-8512.
5/4/95tf/11

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is in compliance with the contract.

Scheduled the Annual Budget Hearing at 8 p.m. on Dec. 20, 1995, at the County Court House.

Appointed the following: Richard J. Jaskowski to the Grayling Recreation Authority. Judy Hammond to the Library Advisory Board, term ending 11/30/2000. John C. Mahank to the Mental Health Board, term ending 12/31/1998. Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

A full context of minutes is on file and available in the Clerk's office.
Sandra Moore, County Clerk

SYNOPSIS Crawford County Board of Commissioners Special Meeting of Nov. 27, 1995

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Long at 10:18 a.m. in the County Building, Grayling, Michigan, on Nov. 27, 1995. Roll Call: Long, Hartman, Black and Bretzke present. Absent: Smock and McLaughlin. County Clerk, Sandra Moore-present. Others present.

A Special Meeting was called to review with counsel the strategies on the pending litigation filed by City Environmental Services, Inc.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. A full context of minutes is on file and available in the Clerk's office.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk

**Invitations, Envelopes,
Napkins, Tablecloth,
Thank-you Notes**
available at the AVALANCHE

Grayling Township Board Regular Meeting Dec. 12, 1995

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Medler, Lynne Corlew, Ruth O'Mara, Monica Ashton, Arnold Stancil. MEMBERS ABSENT: None. OTHERS PRESENT: Ron and Debra Calkins, Brooke Blaauw, Terry Wright, Rich Morrison, Kari Lohela, Phil Allen.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Stancil.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Medler, to approve minutes of Nov. 14, 1995, with the following correction: Insert above paragraph four of item 9 on page 4, "In reference to the question by John Medler regarding bids being opened prior to 8 p.m., the Township Attorney gave the following response: "Ayes; five; Nays; none, motion carried."

The Treasurer's Report for November was read and placed on file.

CORRESPONDENCE: (No action required)
C.C. Board of Commissioners Minutes 11-8 and 11-28, 1995. C.C. Emergency Central Dispatch 11-95 Activity Report. C.A. School District Board (Happenings) 11-20-95. MI Natural Resources Trust Fund Meeting minutes of 10-17-95. CSI letter re: fire truck refurbishing 12-7-95.

CITIZENS WHO WISH TO SPEAK:

Ron and Debra Calkins spoke unhappily about not receiving the snowplowing job for the Township Hall and compactor for 1995-96 and asked for explanation. He has plowed the compactor for nearly 20 years. The Board assured Mr. Calkins that it was strictly a matter of considerably lower cost submitted by the other contractor and that the Township has always been very pleased with the service provided by Mr. Calkins at both Township locations. It was agreed by all Board members that the snowplowing service will be advertised for bids prior to next season. The Township is required to solicit bids on contracts over \$20,000, and may solicit bids, at their discretion, on lesser matters.

Phil Allen, vice president of engineering for Pontiac Fiberboard, was available for questions and provided and update on the proposed Section 33, T26N, R3W project.

BUSINESS:

Kari Lohela and Rich Morrison of Wilcox Associates, hired to do the feasibility study for Section 33, T26N, R3W, were on hand to give an outline of preliminary findings of the study and schedule a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and Township Board for the formal presentation. A date the week of Jan. 9, will be sought and scheduled if quorums will be available from both boards.

Supervisor informed the Board that formal notice has been received from Crawford County Commissioner, Robert A. Smock, that efforts have been withdrawn to see a county-wide master plan funded. Stancil and City Manager Jerry Morford, have been in contact with the Planning and Zoning Center of Lansing regarding downsizing the originally chosen master plan bid to accommodate the City and Grayling Township.

Motion by O'Mara, supported by Ashton, to authorize Supervisor to negotiate with Paul Lerg, representative of Crawford AuSable School District, Kirtland Community College, and C.O.O.R. Intermediate School District, for collection of 1996 summer taxes based on reasonable expenses of the Township. All ayes, motion carried.

Total Petroleum is proceeding with its plans for a bulk storage plant in Section 32, T26N, R3W, on four Mile Road. Petitions have been filed with the Grayling Township Planning Commission for a Conditional Use Permit and with the Zoning Board of Appeals for a height variance. Public hearings on these requests will be held in January 1996.

Copies of a letter from BHT Waste Systems, confirming that refuse transferred by them from the Grayling Township Compactor Station will be disposed of at the landfill in Waters, MI, were distributed to Board members.

Building Department Report on file.

Motion by O'Mara, support by Corlew, to approve payment of bills on vouchers 17329 through 17355, Board and Commission fees, \$407, Guardian Dental \$305.95, for a total of \$16,634.23. Roll Call: Ayes; five; Nays; none, motion carried.

Motion by Corlew, support by Ashton, to adjourn, carried. All ayes, motion carried.
Monica S. Ashton, CMC
Grayling Township Clerk

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE

95-0973

MORTGAGE SALE—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leroy J. Wales, a Single Man, (Original Mortgagor) and Leroy Wales and Linda M. Gregoire, with full rights of survivorship, (current Owners) to Fleet Mortgage Corp., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, Mortgagee, dated May 11, 1994, and recorded on May 12, 1994 in Liber 377, on page(s) 328, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand One Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars and 62/100 Dollars (\$49,147.62), including interest at 9.0% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and

provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the Front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at ten o'clock a.m. on January 9, 1996.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Timebridge Estates #2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats, Page 14, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948C.L. 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 30, 1995
Fleet Mortgage Corp.
SHAPIRO & ALI, Attorneys
320 B. Big Beaver Rd., Suite 190
Troy, Michigan 48063
(810) 689-3900

-30-7-14-21-28

SYNOPSIS Regular Meeting Beaver Creek Township Dec. 11, 1995

The regular meeting of the Beaver Creek Township Board was held on Dec. 11, 1995. All board members were present, with five guests in attendance.

Regular meeting recessed at 7:05 to hold "Hearing of Necessity" on Billman Road improvements. Written objection slips were received from 15 people which totaled 8,340 front feet. The project is no longer viable as over 50 percent of the Billman Road property owners object to the paving of said road. Hearing closed at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened to our regular meeting.

Minutes of Special Meeting of 12/7/95 were accepted and an addition to the 11/13/95 minutes would add Section A, B and C to the Amended Poverty Guidelines Resolution.

Reports given by Treasurer, Supervisor, Sheriff's Liaison committee member and Planning/Zoning Committee member.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thirteen pieces of correspondence accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on payment of bill from the Road Commission for Billman Road estimate in the amount of \$448. Suggested that letter accompany

payment asking why this estimate was done when Mr. Briney later stated that there is no county money available for work on Billman Road.

NEW BUSINESS:
List of 1996 holidays and closing dates presented to members for their approval.

Secretary requests 3 1/2 additional paid holidays per year. McGregor moves that we do so. Seconded and carried.

Employment policy being worked on and supervisor to set work session for January with action to be taken in February.

Two lot splits have not been to County Zoning so no action can be taken by township at this time.

Moharak moves we follow attorney's advice and quit claim Lot 28 in Switzerville to the purchasers who have made the offer for \$900. McGregor supports. Ayes: McGregor, Schultes, McDonough, Moharak and Hartman. Nays: 0. Carried.

Moharak moves to authorize the Supervisor to negotiate 1996 Summer Property Tax collection at the same rate as last year. Supported and carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Request Crawford County Road Commission be invited to next meeting to explain township road problems.

Moharak moves that we pay AP bills, seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

NOTICE

Please be advised the Crawford County Board of Commissioners will be holding the yearly organizational board meeting Wednesday, January 3, 1996, at 10 am in the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
Crawford County Clerk

NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals

All applicants must be residents of Crawford County and submit a letter expressing their interest to the Board of Commissioners, c/o Sandra Moore, County Clerk, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by January 12, 1996.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk
December 22, 1995

NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners is accepting applications from persons interested in serving on the Crawford County Planning Commission.

All applicants must be residents of Crawford County and submit a letter expressing their interest to the Board of Commissioners, c/o Sandra Moore, County Clerk, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by 4:30 pm on January 12, 1996.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk

NOTICE

With the early and unusual amount of snowfall this year, city police are beginning to receive complaints of vision obstruction caused from snow banks. Also, of more concern is the practice of vehicles plowing snow across streets and highways. State law prohibits the dumping of snow on roadways, shoulders, and driveway entrances in such a way as to cause vision or safety obstructions. Aside from possible legal charges, the public should be made aware of the exposure to liable charges in the event the practice involves accidents resulting in personal injury or property damage. City police may be required to issue violation citations in cases of repeated or neglectful circumstances occurring within the city jurisdiction.

The Road Commission For Crawford County

NOTICE

CRAWFORD COUNTY HOUSING REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 1996 MEETING SCHEDULE

| | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| January 11, 1996 | July 11, 1996 |
| February 8, 1996 | August 8, 1996 |
| March 14, 1996 | September 12, 1996 |
| April 11, 1996 | October 10, 1996 |
| May 9, 1996 | November 14, 1996 |
| June 13, 1996 | December 12, 1996 |

The meetings are held at the Grayling State Bank, Grayling MI, in their conference room located in the basement and begin at 9 am. If any changes are made, the change will be published in ample time. Citizens wishing to address the Housing Commission Board may contact the Housing Commission office at the County Building, 348-2841, EXT 253, to be placed on the agenda.

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FACTS AND FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: Dec. 31, 1995 - Jan. 6, 1996

- ARIES**
March 21-April 19 Kick back and relax. You deserve it. Don't be in too big of a hurry to get life back to "normal"...whatever that is.
- TAURUS**
April 20 - May 20 Prepare carefully for the new year. Write your resolutions down and look at them everyday to remind yourself of your goals.
- GEMINI**
May 21 - June 20 You may be challenged with a new idea. Seek the direction that will best suit the situation and go for broke.
- CANCER**
June 21 - July 22 Keep the new year's celebrations simple. Enjoy the company of "old acquaintances" but don't forget the "new."
- LEO**
July 23 - Aug 22 Travel will be tiresome and tedious. Prepare for delays and holdups. Avoid taking children if at all possible.
- VIRGO**
Aug 23 - Sept 22 Develop a newer and better budget this year. Analyze your income and outgo carefully and put it all on paper.
- LIBRA**
Sept 23 - Oct 22 Love interest wanes. Don't be disappointed if things go in a different direction than you anticipated. Be thankful for small favors.
- SCORPIO**
Oct 23 - Nov 21 Creative accomplishments at work will win the approval of VIP's. Your name will be legend!
- SAGITTARIUS**
Nov 22 - Dec 21 A sweet surprise for you could affect several people. Give in to the lesser demands at home.
- CAPRICORN**
Dec 22 - Jan 19 Prepare yourself to exercise more and eat right. Your health should be a major concern this year.
- AQUARIUS**
Jan 20 - Feb 18 It would not be a good idea to rock the boat now. Keep it "steady as she goes" until everyone is satisfied with current results.
- PISCES**
Feb 19 - March 20 Having a new love would heal the emotional wounds. Don't be afraid to care for someone...not all relationships are bad.



THE ANIMAL SHELTER has a large variety of dogs and several spayed and neutered cats, some are also declawed. If you would like to give him a home, or any of the other animals at the shelter, stop by the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, or give them a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

Provide outdoor dogs or cats with a dry, insulated shelter out of the wind. Staying warm demands extra calories, so feed your pet accordingly when temperatures drop. Bring your pet inside if the wind chill or other weather conditions become severe.

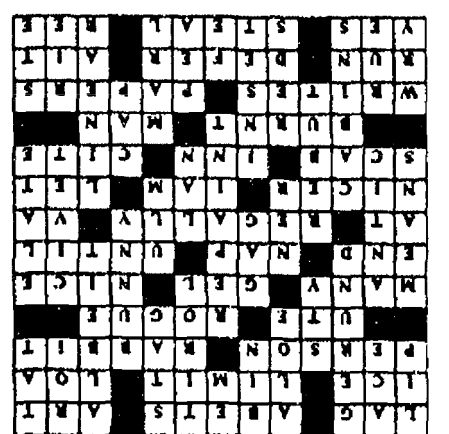
Keep your pet on its regular diet. Holiday treats, such as chocolate and bones, can be harmful or toxic.

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

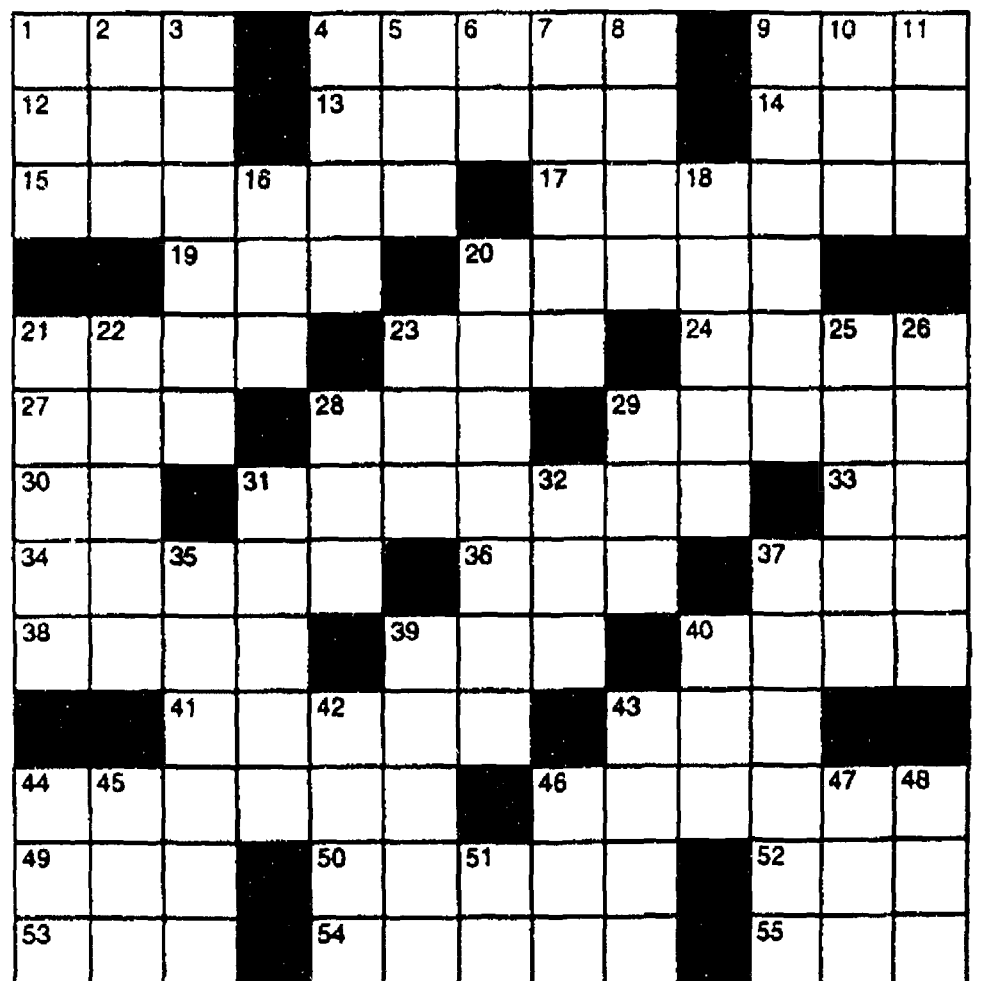
WEEKEND CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
1. Dawdle
 4. Aids
 9. Skill
 12. Dessert
 13. Bound
 14. Mauna
 15. Individual
 17. Hare
 19. Indian
 20. Rascal
 21. Large number
 23. Harden
 24. Proper
 27. Finish
 28. Doze
 29. Up to
 30. Near
 31. Royally
 33. Virginia, abbr.
 34. More pleasing
 36. I'm, 2 wds.
 37. Permit
 38. Strikebreaker
 39. Hostel
 40. Quote
 41. Scorched
 43. Operate
- DOWN**
44. Corresponds
 46. Themes
 49. Brook
 50. Put off
 52. River island
 53. Affirmative
 54. Rob
 55. Sheepfold
 1. Sass
 2. WW I hero
 3. Verbal noun
 4. Medicinal plant
 5. Storage place
 6. Printer's measure
 7. Alps region
 8. Male deer
 9. Though
 10. King, Fr.
 11. KNot lace
 16. Eye inflammation
 18. Rabbit
 20. Paint again
 21. Signifies
 22. Caper
 23. Joke
 25. cat

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWERS



26. Gladden
28. Saul's grandfather
29. Danube city
31. Refute
32. Swede county
35. Huts
37. Long and narrow
39. Panel
40. Better
42. Ball team
43. Clayey soil
44. Askew
45. Regret
46. Legume
47. Meadow barley
48. Female saint, abbr.
51. Symbol for iron



A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 years ago Dec. 28, 1972

The junior high band played for Santa Claus in Grayling on Saturday, Dec. 2--also in Frederic. Students from the 7th and 8th grade band were as follows: 7th grade, Debbie Foster, Julie Woolmer, Penny Nunn, George Denewitt, Gary Cassidy, Tom Whaley, Bill Hartig, Bonnie Partello, Russell Stoddard, Joel Rasmussen, Scott Hallett, Bill O'Mara, Jamie Cox and Alan Stockbridge. 8th grade: Ed Baynham, Norman Theaker, Sharon Campbell, Terry Crawford, Tim Baade, Joe Kequom, Rick Norman, Marty O'Mara and Randy Arnoe.

Mrs. Claribel Goss and Mrs. Bessie Deckrow were pleasantly surprised on Dec. 20, when the annual Crawford County Courthouse employees Christmas party also turned out to be a retirement party for them. Saturday, Dec. 23, was the occasion for celebrating Mrs. Myrtle Corwin's 85th birthday. After a lovely dinner at Bear Mountain Resort, the party returned to her home for gift-giving, birthday cake and ice cream.

Colleen Doman arrived home on Dec. 22, from Washington D.C., where she is employed in the Pentagon, to spend the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Doman.

Helen Harwood entertained her family with their usual Christmas dinner at St. Mary's Hall on Dec. 17.

Mrs. Jack Rasmussen and son, John, recently took her daughter, Joy Ann Bohenmoyer, back to New Jersey after spending a week with her parents.

Denise Lennon is on duty at Muriel's Beauty Shop this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Erickson of Grayling, are the parents of a son, Martin Bradley, born on Dec. 18, and weighing 8 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald Burkely of Grayling, are the parents of a son, Andrew John, born on Dec. 20, and weighing 8 pounds, 9 ounces.

Michelle Lee is the newest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Cummings of Grayling. She was born on Dec. 24, and tipped the scales at 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Monday evening marked the completion of the first course in the art of babysitting offered to young people of the area. Those completing the course are Karen Hazen, Joy Mead, Dona Campbell, Linda Lee, Beth Holzman, Curt Hanson, Jeff Parkinson, Bobby McLachlan, Debbie Lozon, Nanette Lennon, Laurie Scheer, Kathy McPhearson, Lisa Ingalls, Julie

Woolmer, Kelly Worden and Dee Bindshatel.

Dale Papendick, son of the LeRoy Papendicks, arrived home Friday, Dec. 22, from Fort Knox, Kentucky, to spend the holidays. He will return on Jan. 4, to complete his National Guard training.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Annis Jr and daughter of Brookville, Pennsylvania, spent Christmas weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Annis and Mr. and Mrs. Don Bohenmoyer.

46 years ago Dec. 29, 1949

Postmaster James McDonnell announced that word has been received from the post office department, authorizing the extension of rural route No. 1, from the Hatch Corner on the Military Road, Beaver Creek Township, to the Pure Oil Settlement, a distance of two miles and return.

Seven hundred and three Crawford County kiddies were entertained last Thursday afternoon at a Christmas party by the American Legion Post 106.

Leslie Hunter, owner of the Hunters' AuSable Dairy, and Floyd Davis, owner of Davis Jewelry Store, received late last week a congratulatory letter from Carl Stobel, president of the Grayling Chamber of Commerce.

Announcement of the engagement and approaching marriage of Ruth Ardis Whaley to Edwin Roy Funk of this city, is being made by her mother, Mrs. Frieda Whaley of Cadillac.

Mrs. Christine Feldhauser came home Tuesday, after spending a couple of weeks in Mt. Pleasant, with Mr. and Mrs. John Petersen and family. The Petersens came from Mt. Pleasant Saturday to spend Christmas with relatives here.

Bessie Feldhauser is enjoying a week's vacation from her duties at the A&P Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Freeman of Gagetown, are visiting their daughter and family, the Willard Cornells.

Miss Anna Nielsen of Grand Rapids was home to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Julius Nielson and sister, Miss Margrethe and Miss Olga.

The Misses Carolyn and Marjorie Nelson are home from school to spend the holidays with their father, A. J. Nelson and sister, Miss Barbara.

Christmas guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear were the former's father, H. L. Bear and sister, Miss Elizabeth of Carlisle, Pennsylvania,

Lt. Mike J. Steger of Perrin Air Base, Texas, and Mrs. Eli Waldron of New York City.

The Norman Dawson family of Mt. Pleasant, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dawson.

Christmas guests of the Harry Hoerl family were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Fox of Melvindale, her mother, Mrs. Louise Garinger of Dearborn, also their daughter, Miss Joyce.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Christenson of Mackinaw City, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bovee and daughter Billie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Serven, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Schrieber, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schrieber and children of Grayling, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McGuire Sr. and sons Gene and Leo, and Mr. and Mrs. McGuire Jr. of Flint, Miss Eunice Schrieber of Muskegon Heights, and Mrs. Pauline Edmonds of Frederic, spent Christmas day at the McGuire Sr. cottage on the AuSable River.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Millikin and family spent Christmas in Gaylord with Mr. and Mrs. Casmier Butka and family. Miss Gloria remained for the week.

69 years ago Dec. 30, 1926

Earl Foland and children of Lansing, have been guests at the Herbert E. Parker home for Christmas and over Sunday.

Miss Mildred Corwin, who is teaching in the Christianity school at Lansing for her third year, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Rasmussen visited over Christmas with the latter's sister, Mrs. Jens Jorgenson and son, Axel, of Detroit. Peter F. Jorgenson acted as night marshall during Mrs. Rasmussen's absence.

George Van Patten is in Detroit to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. Glen Penard, and other relatives.

Miss Viva Hoesli, who attends Memorial Hospital Nurses College in Owosso, was home Christmas visiting Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hoesli.

Russell Robertson of M.S.C., Lansing, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Robertson.

Miss Ona Lozon visited her parents, Mr. and Mr. Archie Lozon in Maple Forest over Christmas.

Little Jack Hull was slightly injured early last evening when struck by the fender of a truck.

94 years ago Jan. 2, 1902

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peterson, Dec. 30, a son.

Frank Corwin has bought the 80-acre farm of T. O'Dell on Section 33, this township.

J. J. Niederer is building an extensive addition to his ice house.

Fred Havens has gone to Chicago, where he will take a complete course in civil engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Johnson of Frederic, are the happy possessors of a brand new baby boy.

J. Leese and E. Sparkes are the new stewards of Grayling Lodge #356 F&AM and R. P. Forbes is Tyler.

LOCAL WEATHER



| Date | High | Low | Precip. | Snow on ground |
|-------|------|-----|---------|----------------|
| 12/20 | 20 | 13 | | 24" |
| 12/21 | 21 | 5 | 0.06 | 25" |
| 12/22 | 24 | -7 | 0.01/2 | 25" |
| 12/23 | 24 | -7 | 0.03 | 26" |
| 12/24 | 21 | 21 | 0.01/2 | 25" |
| 12/25 | 25 | 10 | 0.10 | 27" |
| 12/26 | 19 | 16 | 0.07 | 28" |

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Houghton Lake: Wednesday calls for mostly cloudy skies, with the highs in the low 20s. It will be dry on Thursday and Friday, with the highs both days in the 20s to around 30, and the lows in the teens. Saturday calls for a chance of snow. The highs will be 25 to 35, with the lows of 15 to 25.

Lights of Love

The Lights of Love are shining in the spirit of Christmas for the following individuals

Silver Donors

Betty Bennett
Ann Sterling
Ed & Marge Martella
Susan Hensler
Richard Wilmot
Sr. Naomi Holysko
Maxine & Richard Good
Dr. William Dean
Dan & Sue Thayer
Loretta Christian
William Isenhauer
Mike & Debra Looney
Frances Gonsler
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